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## FRANCE MUST AID ITALY OR BRITAIN

### LAVAL'S POLICY DENOUNCED BUT BRITISH STAND EULOGISED

#### CRITICAL DEBATE IN PARIS CHAMBER

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Paris, Dec. 27.

There were tense scenes in the Chamber of Deputies to-day when the Prime Minister, M. Pierre Laval, attempted to defend his foreign policy and win a majority in the division which will decide the fate of his Government.

M. Leon Blum warmly attacked the Government's policy, but the Socialist leader was continually interrupted by Rightist members.

A Socialist at one point rose and shook his fist at the interrupters and the sitting was later temporarily suspended to enable M. Laval to recover from the effects of the strain and to make himself heard.

M. Leon Blum, a noted publisher-deputy, denounced M. Laval's policy, declaring there need be no risk of war if every country were firmly determined to stand by the League of Nations. He accused M. Laval of creating an atmosphere of war menace and concluded, amid prolonged cheers from the Left, demanding M. Laval's overthrow.

There was another remarkable scene at the conclusion of a speech by M. Paul Reynaud, who is a member of the Centre group, and who eulogised Great Britain and denounced M. Laval's diplomacy. His declaration that France must choose between Italy, an aggressor, and Britain, a defender of the League of Nations, was cheered by nearly two-thirds of the House, from the extreme Left to the Right Centre.

Some observers in the lobby described the speech as "a burial service" for the Government. But others, while anticipating that the Government's majority will be much reduced, expect that M. Laval will still muster twenty to thirty more votes than the Opposition.

#### VOTING TO-DAY

Party leaders have agreed that the vote on the critical two day's foreign affairs debate will not be taken before 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

M. Laval, the Socialist leader, opened the interpellations in the Chamber, speaking for an hour and there were other prominent men, including M. Reynaud, who attacked the Government in lengthy addresses.

The latest canvass of the position indicates that M. Laval will have a majority of forty in the division.

#### NO GREAT IMPRESSION

M. Laval's own speech made no visible impression upon the Chamber.

It was received by clapping on the front Right, as was expected, but the remainder of the Chamber sat impassive.

Some political quarters called the address very weak, but others maintained it was a set speech and that not until the closing of the debate would the Prime Minister make any rousing appeal to the Chamber.—*Reuter and Reuter Special.*

### No Reprieve Likely

#### HAUPTMANN'S ONE CHANCE FOR LIFE

Trenton, N.J., Dec. 27.  
Governor Hoffman of New Jersey to-day said he believed he was technically powerless to reprieve Bruno Hauptmann, sentenced to die for the murder of the infant son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh. Should the Court of Pardons refuse Hauptmann clemency, the Governor said, he could do nothing, for although reprieves had been granted in recent years the Constitution limited his power to reprieve to a period of ninety days after conviction.—*Reuter.*

### TO FIGHT BESIDE BRITAIN

#### LAVAL'S PROMISE TO DEPUTIES

#### EDEN NO MORE AN OGRE

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Paris, Dec. 27.  
M. Pierre Laval, the Prime Minister of France, in the course of the critical debate on foreign policy in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, declared that it was his undertaking that France would fight beside Great Britain in the event of an attack by Italy.

The Prime Minister maintained that France under his leadership had fully carried out all her League of Nations obligations.

He defended the Franco-British peace proposals, now defunct, as necessary. He said they were a means of calming the Anglo-French atmosphere at least.

He appealed for a vote of confidence by the Deputies.—*United Press.*

LESS FEAR OF EDEN  
Public opinion has suddenly changed. Officials believe that the appointment of Mr. Anthony Eden as British Foreign Minister is no barrier to a favourable settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute.

It is rather thought that the new minister's heavy responsibilities will result in cautious actions on his part.—*United Press.*

#### FURTHER SUPPORT

London, Dec. 27.  
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, who is in the country, is not expected back at the Foreign Office, with which he remains in continuous touch, before next week. It is not anticipated in London that any important developments in connection with the international situation will occur within the next week or two. It is understood the Governments of Jugoslavia, Greece and Turkey have replied to enquiries addressed to them regarding their willingness to implement their obligations under Article 18 of the Covenant in the event of an unprovoked attack on



Picture shows an Ethiopian outpost, from which the defenders keep watch on Italian troop movements.

### CHINESE ART STILL POPULAR

#### EXHIBITS DRAW BIG CROWDS

#### 78,540 PAYING VISITORS

London, Dec. 27.

Despite rival attractions, Christmas shopping, pantomimes and obstruction caused by fog and frost, the Chinese Art Exhibition remains a powerful magnet.

During the first three completed weeks of the Exhibition, there have been 78,540 paying visitors, this being a record for national art exhibitions. On Christmas Eve, when very few visitors were expected, there were actually 1,337 paying for admission, with 2,091 on Boxing Day.

No fewer than 21,000 tickets have already been sold to school children visiting the Exhibition in parties, as well as ten thousand to various societies and associations.

The pre-Christian bronzes, Sung porcelain and Tang statuettes remain most popular, but public appreciation of the paintings, the unfamiliar style of which at first somewhat puzzled the visitors, is evidently increasing.

Tickets for six additional lectures on Chinese art during the New Year are being quickly sold out.—*Reuter.*

### MacDonald's Chance

#### UNIVERSITIES' SEAT LEFT VACANT

London, Dec. 27.

Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, former Premier of the National Government, has agreed to contest, as a National Government candidate, the Scottish Universities' seat in the House of Commons rendered vacant by the death of the former Conservative M.P., Mr. Noel Skelton.

The decision was reached following an invitation from the Association of University Graduates of the four Universities concerned. At the recent General Election, Mr. MacDonald was defeated at Senham by Mr. E. Shinwell, former Minister of Mines in the last Labour Government, who secured a majority of over 20,000.—*Reuter.*

Great Britain as one of the Covenant enforcing states. Enquiries of a similar kind were made in Paris some time ago and the French Government sent a note affirming its intention to stand by its League obligations. What is in question, as has been pointed out, is the individual reaffirmation of the resolution adopted by fifty nations represented on the League Co-ordination Committee last October when they declared their loyalty to these provisions of the Covenant.—*British Wireless.*

### RUSSIA FOSTERS REVOLT

#### URUGUAY BREAKS OFF RELATIONS

#### AMBASSADOR EXPULSED

(Special to "Telegraph")

Montevideo, Dec. 27.  
Uruguay has broken off diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. The Cabinet took this decision after a long sitting to-day.

It was stated that a headquarters of a Communist organisation had been established in Uruguay, sponsored by the Soviet Government. This headquarters, when raided by police, provided documents proving that a revolution had been planned by disruptive elements to take place within two or three months.

The breaking off of relations includes the cancellation of a number of huge commercial contracts, one of which is for cheese which heretofore has been supplied to Uruguay almost exclusively by Russia.—*Reuter Special.*

#### STUDENTS LEAP FROM TRAIN

#### Thirty Injured In Reckless Dive

Shanghai, Dec. 28.  
It is now revealed that a group of student demonstrators, refusing to return to Shanghai when ordered to do so by the Government, jumped off the train proceeding to Wusheng when it reached a railway bridge. As a result, thirty of the students were injured, four seriously.—*Reuter.*

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#### MINISTER EXPELLED

Montevideo, Dec. 27.  
The Government to-day ordered the Soviet Minister, M. Alejandro Minkin, and his entire staff, to return to Russia. They were expelled when police uncovered evidence directly connecting the Embassy with the Communist rising in Brazil. Uruguay has broken off diplomatic relations with Russia.—*United Press.*

#### CANADA-JAPAN TRADE

#### SURTAXES BEING REMOVED

Ottawa, Dec. 27.  
It is officially announced that Canada and Japan are both removing mutually retaliatory surtaxes on certain of each others' products, as from January 1. This will terminate the trade dispute between the two countries which has lasted since last July.—*Reuter.*

### BOMBERS ATTACK VOLCANO

#### SEEKING TO CHECK LAVA FLOW

#### STRANGE WAR IN HAWAII

Hilo, Dec. 27.

One of the weirdest wars in history was declared to-day when United States bombing planes set about the fierce old gods of Maun Aloi, the native volcano near here. The volcano erupted last month and sent a stream of lava over its western lip to threaten peasants and villagers in the valleys below. A cloud of smoke and steam envelopes the peak of Maun Aloi, but the thunder of the disturbances in its depths periodically shakes the islanders' homes.

One of the bombing planes dropped 600 bombs upon the lava stream, which had advanced to within four miles of Hilo's water reservoirs and other machines flew over the mountain's crater, dropping hundreds of pounds of explosives, in the hope that they might block the vent and force the lava to flow out at some other point.

It is not yet known whether the bombers' expedition was successful.—*Reuter.*

### Nationalist Fever

#### EVEN CIGARS MUST BE PATRIOTIC

(Special to "Telegraph")

Rome, Dec. 27.  
All foreign names at present used for Italian products of the State Tobacco Monopoly will be changed to Italian after January 1. Cigars previously called "Londres" will be named "Fire," British cigars will become "Sun," whilst the brand hitherto named "Tabacos" will be altered to "Makale."

Some cigarettes whose names are foreign, with a sanction stamp, will be re-named. Thus "Kentucky" and "Sport" will become "Tigrian" and "Siaris" respectively.—*Reuter Special.*

#### LOCAL DOLLAR ADVANCES

#### MARKET STEADY TO-DAY

The Hongkong dollar rose 1/4th to 1s. 3 1/2d. this morning. The business rate was 1s. 3 1/4d. sellers and 1s. 3 1/2d. buyers. The market was steady at these rates.

#### TREASURY BILLS

London, Dec. 27.  
The total amount applied for in tenders for £45,000,000 Treasury bills was £41,615,000. The average rate per cent for bills at three months 11/3.6d. against 16/3.7d. a week ago.—*British Wireless.*

### HEAVY FIGHTING ON TAKKAZZE

#### BADOGGIO ADMITS SEVERE LOSSES

#### STRUGGLE FOR HIGH MOUNTAIN PASS

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Rome, Dec. 27.

There has been a severe engagement near the Asgaga Pass in the high mountains along the Takkazze River where the Ethiopians recently drove the Italians for twelve miles on a long front, capturing many of the little concrete block forts and machine-guns and inflicting heavy casualties.

An official Italian communique now announces the results of another engagement on this embattled sector where, since the Ethiopian army succeeded in crossing the Takkazze River, the Italians have been hard pressed.

It was during a reconnaissance near Asgaga Pass that the Italians fell in with a strong body of the Ethiopians and an engagement lasting some hours was joined.

The Italian losses are officially stated to have been six Italian and three Eritrean soldiers killed, four Italian officers killed, nine Italians and 37 Eritreans wounded.

The Ethiopian losses are merely reported in Marshal Badoglio's daily despatch as being "heavy."

These are the worst casualties in any single engagement to which the Italian command has thus far admitted.—*Reuter Special.*

### ETHIOPIA REVEALS HER TERMS

#### ITALIAN ARMIES MUST WITHDRAW

#### INDEMNITY DEMANDED

Addis Ababa, Dec. 27.  
The terms upon which the Emperor of Ethiopia is prepared to accept a peace with Italy were revealed to Reuter's special correspondent in this city from semi-official sources to-day for the first time.

First, Ethiopia insists that all Italian troops shall be withdrawn from Ethiopian territory.

Secondly, Ethiopia demands that Italy should pay an indemnity upon recognition as a sovereign state by the powers.

Fourthly, Ethiopia maintains that the delimitation of her frontiers by an international commission appointed by the League is essential.

Fifthly, Ethiopia requests the right to seek foreign advice and assistance in economic and financial administrative spheres, but adds that no Italian advisers will be accepted.

Although the indemnity demand might be waived, it is pointed out that the Emperor is determined that nothing short of complete desert would cause him to weaken on his other terms.—*Reuter.*

#### NO NEW TAX LEGISLATION

#### SPEAKER OF HOUSE LOOKS AHEAD

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Dec. 27.  
Mr. Joseph Byrns, Speaker of the House of Representatives, to-day expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt would personally speak to Congress on January 3 or 4 and discuss the budget. He indicated that he expects no new tax legislation at the coming session.—*United Press.*

#### ETHIOPIAN VICTORY

Addis Ababa, Dec. 27.  
Troops under the command of Dedjematch Hailew Kadaba, attacking with high courage, drove the Italian outposts from their positions on the Makar Road, on the Tembien front in a recent engagement.

According to a Government announcement the Ethiopians captured eleven machine-guns and a quantity of rifles and ammunition.—*Reuter.*

#### CHRISTMAS LULL

Rome, Dec. 27.  
The Christmas lull on "the home front" is expected to continue into the New Year. No diplomatic activities are expected.

Sir Eric Drummond, the British Ambassador to Rome, leaves for England to-morrow on a "three weeks' holiday which this much-worked diplomat well deserves.

His vacation is taken to indicate that there will be no new development in the Italo-Ethiopian situation for the time-being, and the Italian attitude appears to be one of marking time and waiting to see what Mr. Anthony Eden, the new Foreign Minister, will do in his high post.

It is probable that Mr. Eden requires Sir Eric Drummond in London to discuss the European situation and the Italian attitude in particular.—*Reuter Special.*

#### FATAL MOTOR MISHAP

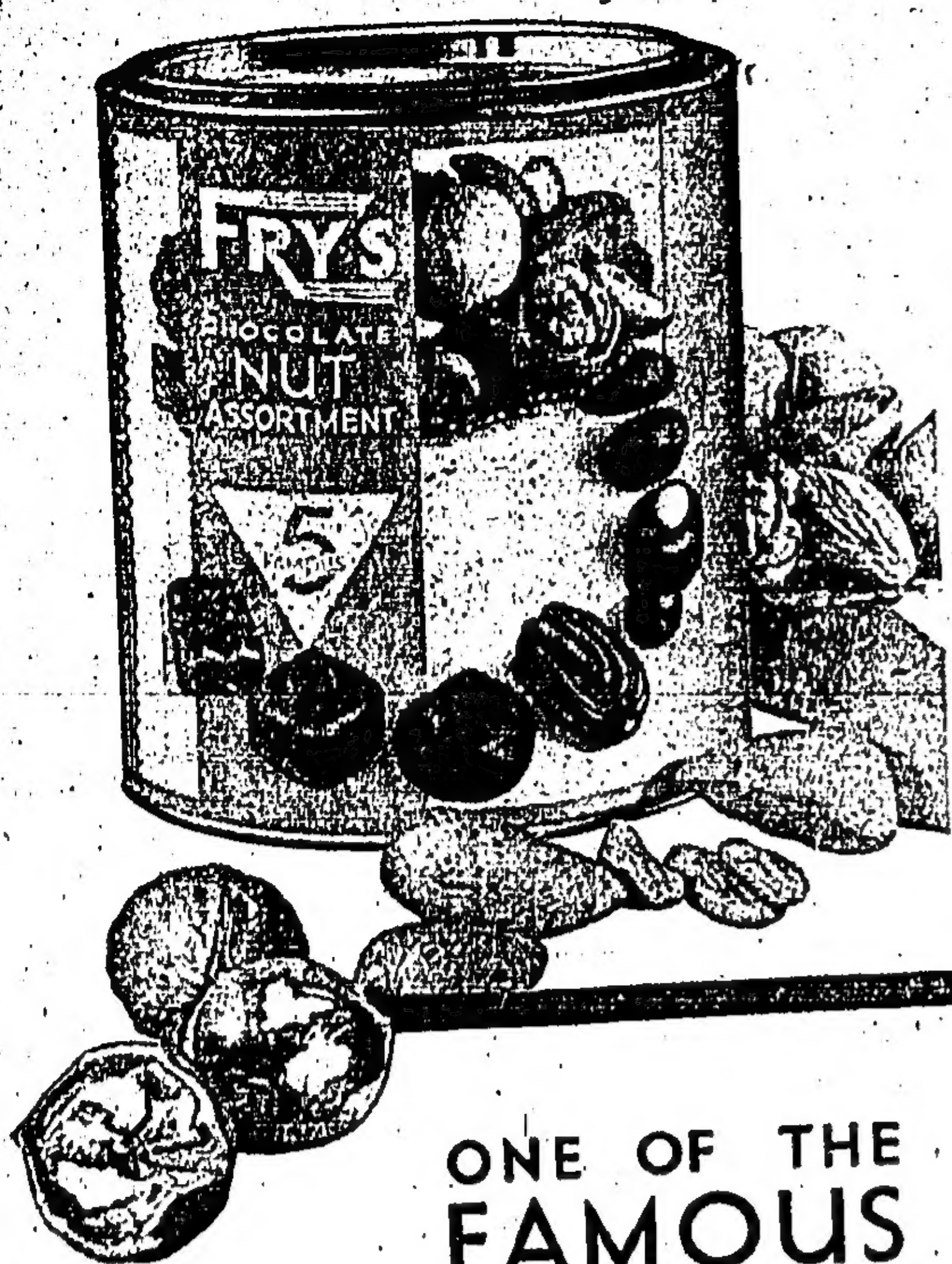
#### PRISON WARDER INVOLVED

An elderly coolie, Hon Wing of Tung Choi Street, died yesterday in Government Civil Hospital following injuries received when he was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. G. J. Grinley, warder of Lanchuk Prison, the previous day.

Mr. Grinley was driving along Nathan Road towards Lanchuk Prison shortly after 1 p.m. when the man jog-trotted out of Soi Street carrying a wooden crate on his head which must have blinded him to the approach of the car. The driver swerved in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid a collision.

Local estate valued at \$10,000 was left by Mr. Li Hon-cho, shroff, late of 97 Tung Choi Street, Mongkok, who died in March this year at Fong Pin Hospital, Canton. Probate of the will has been granted to Li Tai-wa, Li Leung-wa and Li Chol.





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## London Girl Is Santiago's Beauty Queen.

Eighteen-year-old Marjorie Earey, whose home town is Chiswick, London, has been chosen Queen of Spring in Providencia, Santiago, in competition with fourteen scortas. She is the first foreign-born girl to be so chosen.

900,000 VOTES  
Altogether 900,000 votes were cast. Miss Earey, with a total poll of 237,000, had a majority of more than 100,000 over her nearest rival, Reuter says.

She was chosen because of her "surprising beauty of the quiet, English type."

Marjorie's father is a manufacturing chemist in Santiago, and Marjorie is his accountant. "The most efficient I have ever had," he says.

Marjorie says: "My election is a triumph for London. We are just a London family planted in Chili. We belong to Chiswick."

## REAL PAINLESS DENTISTRY AT LAST

HAS painless dentistry really arrived?

Dr. Leroy Hartman, Professor of Dentistry at the University of Colombia, stated recently that a liquid has been discovered which, when applied to the surface of teeth, makes them insensitive to dentists' drills.

He added (according to United Press) "It will revolutionise the practice of dentistry."

The present practice, in eliminating pain in tooth filling, is to inject novocaine or other local anesthetic before drilling begins.

## Rich For An Hour

## FORTUNE THAT DWINDLED £833 EVERY MINUTE

Mr. Michael Paine, a Bristol business man, was recently insured against death for £50,000—but only for one hour, while he was at a luncheon in Bristol.

The policy was a gift to Mr. Paine from a few friends whom he entertained to a luncheon to mark his fiftieth birthday.

The first person to congratulate him on surviving the period of the policy was Mr. Morley Cooper, a Bristol insurance broker, who effected the policy with Lloyd's.

## MONARCH WHO LIVES ON 4s. A WEEK

Lausanne, Dec. 24.  
**KING ANANDA I. OF SIAM**, ten-year-old monarch whose kingdom abounds in riches, gets two shillings and sevenpence a week. King Ananda's sister, Princess Galyani, aged twelve, gets three shillings and tenpence.

The young king knows nothing of the golden pageantry awaiting him in Siam, nor does he care. He continues to lead the simple schoolboy life of a middle-class family.



KING ANANDA  
"Chuff, chuff, chuff,  
clank, clank, screech."

"I don't like school," he confided. "I would much prefer to be a steam-engine driver."

He then gave a good imitation of the noise of a locomotive, the bumping of railway coaches, and the sound of brakes. "Chuff, chuff, chuff, clank, clank, screech," exclaimed King Ananda happily.

"I spend my money on models of steam engines and motor-cars," he said, "but there is homework to do after school, and special gymnastics," too. I do not know whether I want to go to Siam to be crowned.

The King's favourite is Tommy, a spotted Alredale, who accompanies his royal master to school at eight o'clock in the morning. Tommy lives with King Ananda at Villa Vadhana, one of a long row of simple houses near Lausanne, overlooking the Lake and snow-capped mountains.

Princess Sangwal Mahidol, the King's beautiful young widow mother, speaking in perfect English, said Ananda was going skiing soon, and skating, too.

"He is still in delicate health," she said, "although he is better than he was. But he is not yet sufficiently strong to go to Siam for the coronation ceremony. If he goes it will be a year from now."

[The boy Ananda was proclaimed King by the Siamese National Assembly on March 6, 1935, when the abdication of his uncle, King Prajadhipok was approved. King Prajadhipok bought Hangmoor, Virginia-Water, after his abdication, declaring his intention to live in England in the future.]

## "I AM NEVER HAPPY WITH THE NAME 'CONSERVATIVE'"

—Says Sir A. Chamberlain

Sir Austen Chamberlain, at Oxford recently said that he was never happy with the name "Conservative."

"I do not care whether you call me Tory or Radical," he said. "I find a great affinity between the two, and I am meaning the radicalism of my youth."

"Our continued success, the success of the principles for which we stand, depends on our being able, by slow degrees, to weld together these apparently discordant elements which have co-



Photo—shows a Greek family which went to Athens to greet the returning King of the Hellenes.

## Air Robots' Pranks Are Menace To Piloted 'Planes

Pilots at Home have been warned by the Air Ministry to keep well away from Queen Bees—the wireless-controlled airplanes that have just appeared in the sky.

## SYDNEY IS GOING ALL MARRIED

The return of prosperity to Australia has given great impetus to weddings.

Sydney, with a population of million and a quarter, is becoming married at the rate of more than a thousand couples a month, a figure far in excess of that for many years, says *Austral News*.

The birth rate there is now 14.58 a thousand of population and the death rate 10.87 a thousand.

Queen Bees, they are told, are liable to do strange things without warning.

These machines are easily distinguishable by the yellow paint which covers their top wings, the undersides of the wing tips, and both sides of the tail planes.

Queen Bees can be kept under control by wireless within a ten-mile radius.

## NOT FAST ENOUGH

The present Queen Bee is the De Havilland Diplane type, with covered-in cockpit containing the radio controlling apparatus.

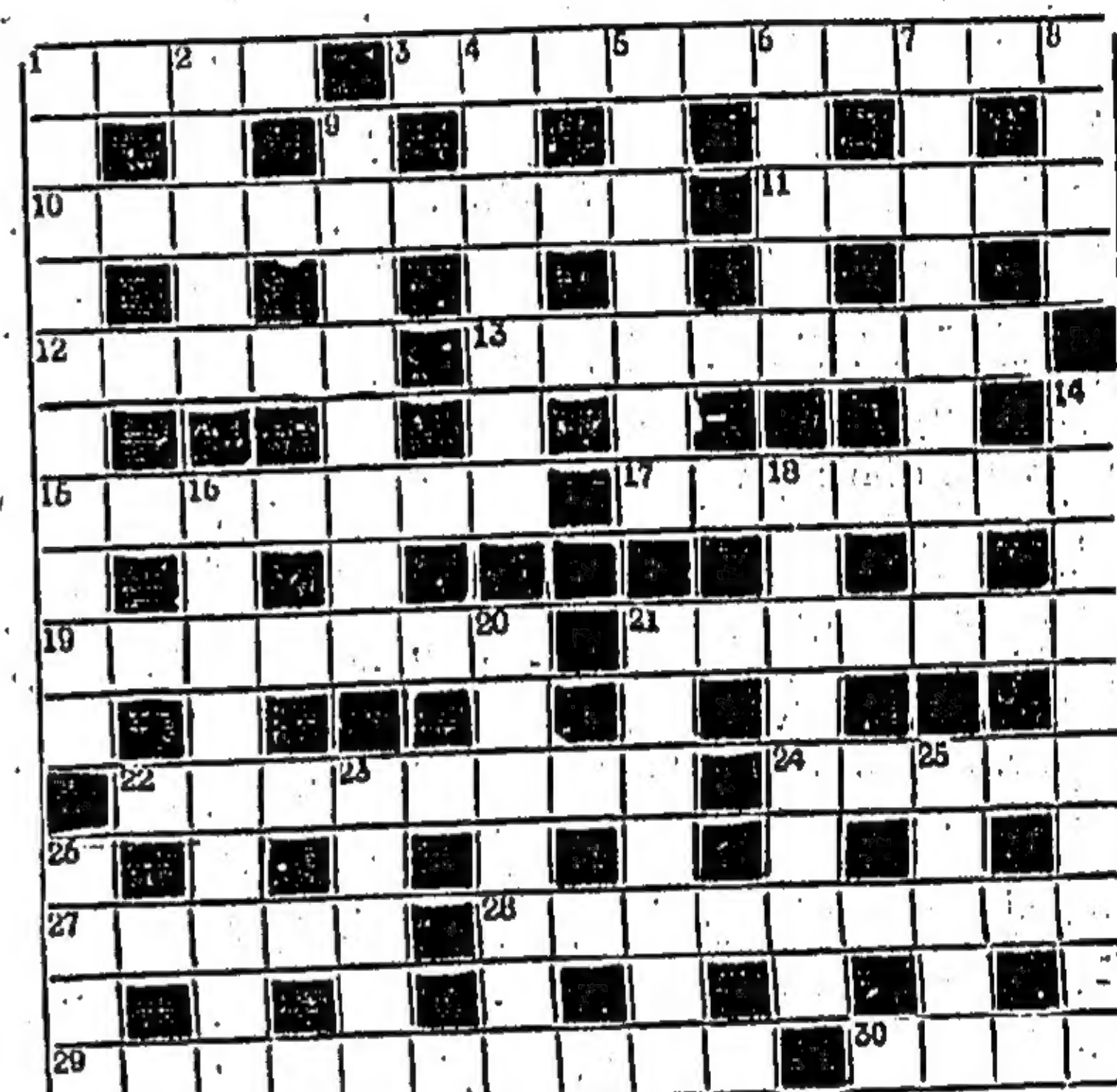
It is understood, however, that the Air Ministry is considering the cheaper and faster Miles Hawk monoplane as a potential Queen Bee.

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- 10 Nigel was upset by the little gentleman, and became careless.
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- 12 An old Empire type.
- 13 Brought on in a low dog with a good colour.
- 15 Reversing for support.
- 17 Form of "crime do" pervaded animals (anag.).
- 19 What spongers sometimes did that was rather silly.
- 21 You will see these in Siam: me, too.
- 22 Have a good feed: so long.
- 24 Comes before the others with a letter in its hand held tightly.
- 27 Makes an A.I. hit in the West Indies.
- 28 Great Nero (anag.).
- 29 Just the place to hide the screw in.
- 30 Everybody's enemies.

## DOWN

- 1 Study the acknowledgment and give.
- 2 Eastern lady.
- 4 Sense in a sense.
- 5 Tempted with a cold heart.
- 6 To a German always spells the end of a swimmer.
- 7 One of a predatory tribe in the Bible.

- 8 Otherwise joins a level section.
- 9 Finished in a simply frightful fashion.
- 14 I.O.U.s.
- 16 In bringing about an effect caution is necessary first and last.
- 18 Make a further statement.
- 20 Takes up mud.
- 21 Most people—don't suffer in this.
- 22 Their Kentish change.
- 23 Rate.
- 25 Eastern craft that raises a question.

## Yesterday's Solution

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NIGER DEPENDENT

## FOREST FIRE RAGING

MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE ON  
TABLE MOUNTAIN

Capetown, Dec. 27.  
A million dollar fire is sweeping

Table Mountain and has already destroyed over 1,500 acres of pine trees valued at £250,000.

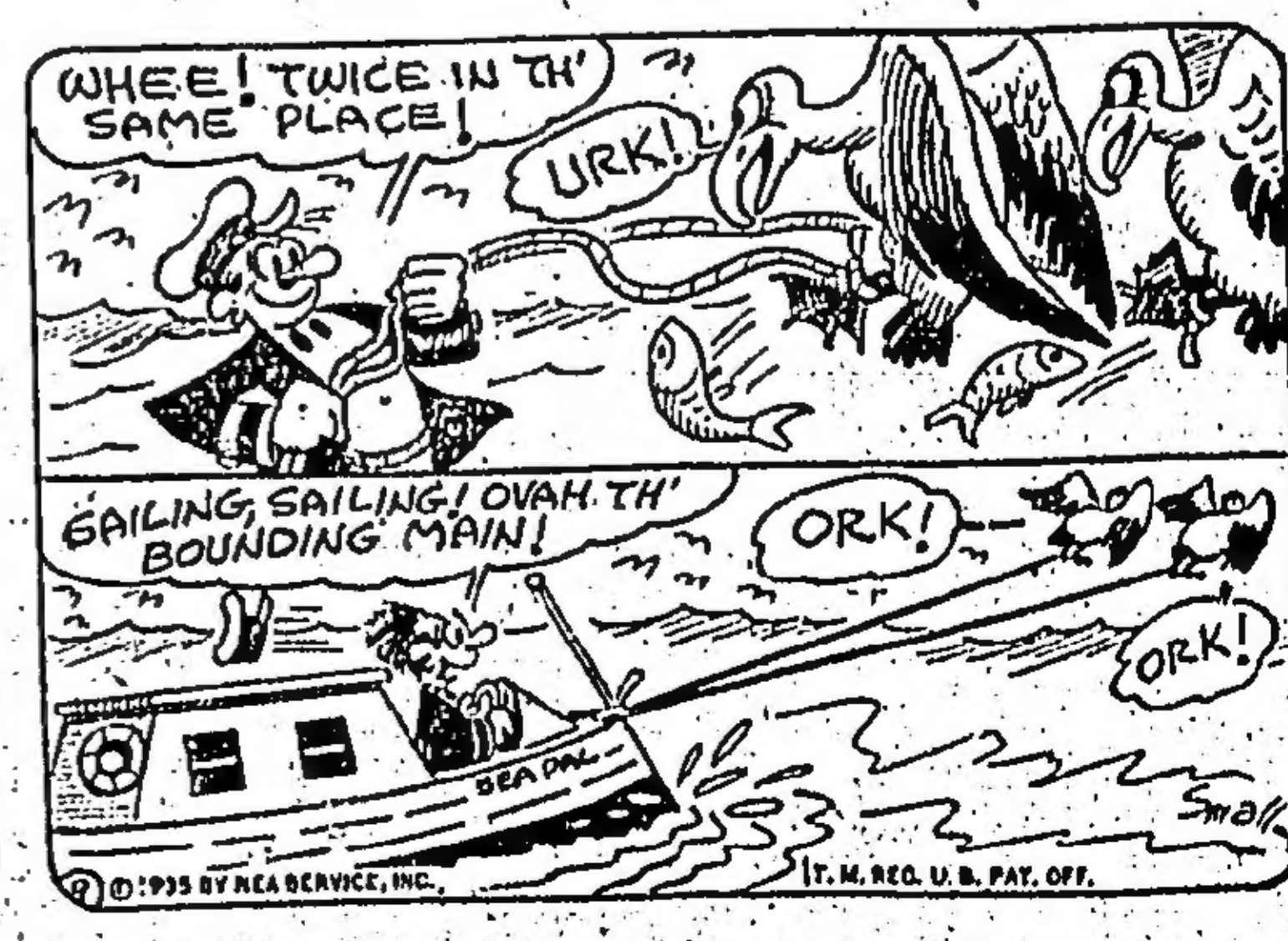
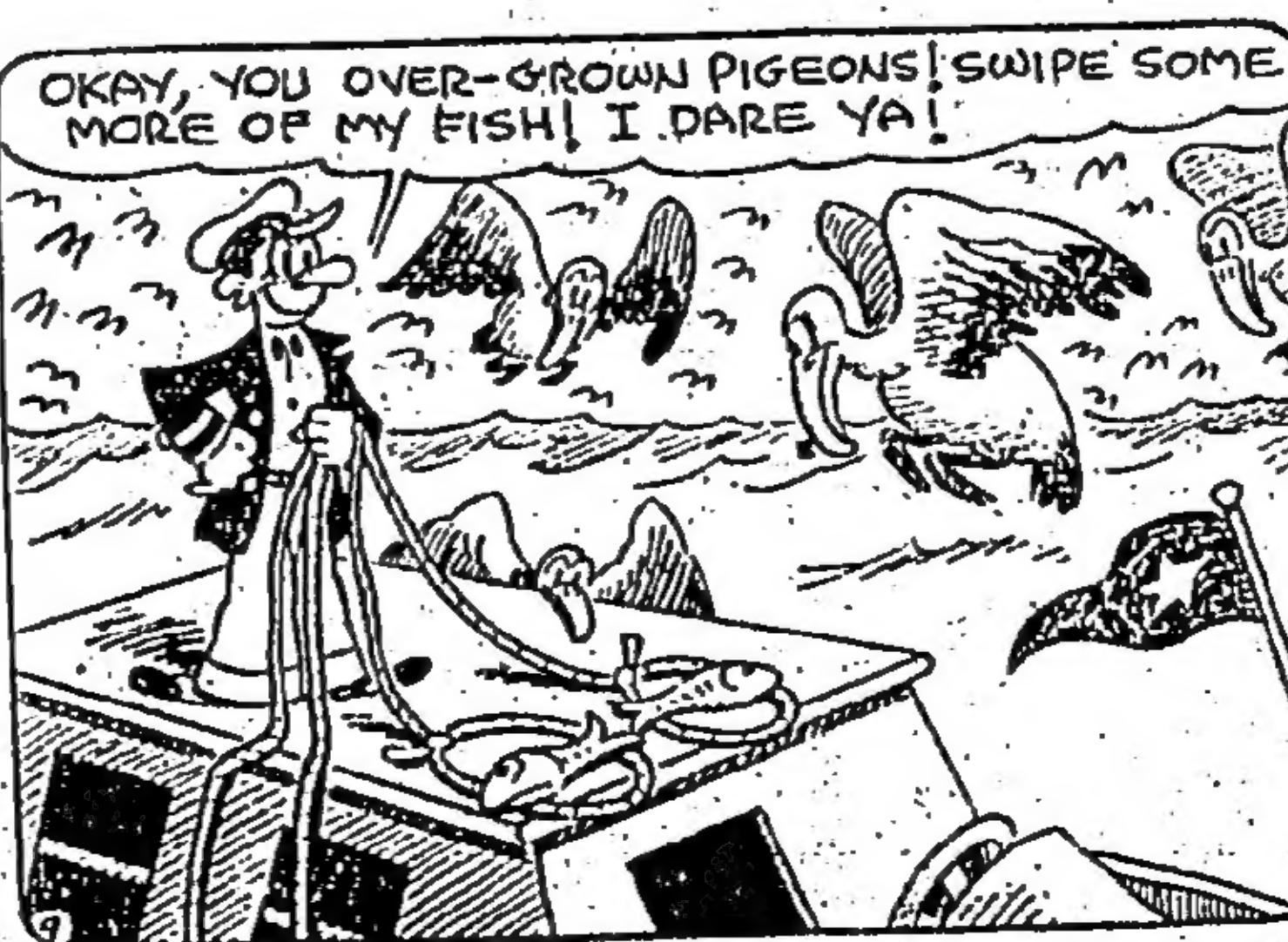
It is expected that it will be at least a week before the fire is brought under control despite the fact that 300 soldiers are assisting the forest fire rangers in fighting the blaze.—United Press.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## PORTS MOUTH'S LOSS, OUR GAIN . . . .

### Filip For The Philharmonic

THE Hongkong Philharmonic Society have been busy, in a quiet sort of way, preparing for the forthcoming production of "The Country Girl." Visitors are not encouraged at the rehearsals at the Queen's Theatre, but I managed to sneak in the other day. What follows is the result of chats with some of the people I encountered, and of personal observation.

FIRST thing, you're going to like this one much better than past efforts. Hongkong's Philharmonic has been unhappy in recent years through lack of money, not-too-good choice of plays, and paucity of good actors and actresses. When, less than six months ago, it lost two of its best players, Mrs. Bowes Smith and Mr. Snowden Jones—both incidentally enough, departed for Home following deaths of their husbands—outlook for 1936 looked even blacker.

BUT a change has come over the scene, and far from being a paucity of talent, there seems to be a surplus. As a result, there is much more vigour at rehearsals. Even at this early stage, things are going with a swing. New brooms are sweeping clean.

GREATEST good fortune has been acquisition of Anne Winter (Mrs. Bernard Marsh) comparatively new arrival in Colony, who possesses a remarkable soprano voice. She is taking the role of the Princess.



Anne Winter as "Sophia" in "Tom Jones", a role she triumphantly filled with the Portsmouth Players.

Hongkong people who came from Portsmouth will know her as an old favourite. In amateur stage circles. She played leading roles in several Portsmouth Players' productions. Coincidence No. 2: Her last leading role was in "Merrie England," produced in Portsmouth by Lt. Cdr. Bodell. It was Cdr. Bodell who produced this popular play for Hongkong Philharmonic during his stay in Colony.

ANOTHER acquisition that is going to help the Philharmonic tremendously is that of Winnie Lawson, who plays the title role. Third stellar debut of consequence is that being made by Bobbie Blake, who is no stranger to amateur dramatics and philharmonics, coming here with excellent English reputation which, judging from personal observation, will certainly be sustained after her initial appearance in leading role. Actually, Miss Blake is no stranger to Philharmonic activities, as she was in the "Hawthorn" chorus last year. Takes role of Sophie in "Country Girl."

TURNING now to the old hands, we have Nina Valentine, who will be remembered chiefly for her characterisation of Phoebe in "Yeman of the Guard," played in 1929. Mrs. F. T. Portallion is also one of the "big shots" of that pick of the Philharmonic productions.

NOW for the men. Best acquisition undoubtedly is Jack Grenham, well known in local theatricals, but making his debut with the Philharmonic. He is going to be, in my opinion, the mainstay of the male. Plays comedy lead and, with Walter Gill, also excellent, supplies most of the humour, much of which has been localised. C. W. E. Bishop, who takes chief male role, is also a good acquisition with pleasing voice, while another new hand, L. A. Jordan, is outstanding in role of "Rajah of Bhong."

Worthy of mention among the men are H. M. Cackle, C. Dudley Bartlett, and H. J. Howland. Latter is also Secretary of the Philharmonic, a task that is keeping him fully occupied apart from his stage rehearsals these days.

A WORD for the people who are doing all the work off-stage. Production is in the hands of the Rev. Cyril Brown, whose task is a heavy one, fortunately rendered somewhat light by the trained material in his hands. He is also making a debut with the Philharmonic. A. B. Yale, Bandmaster of the 2nd East Lancs. Regiment, will wield the orchestral baton, scenery (always good, but much better than in previous years, is in hands of T. V. Harmon, and lighting in hands of R. C. Butler.

THIRD coincidence—interesting one, this. "Country Girl" was written by Adrian Ross. But that is only a pseudonym. The composer's real name was Adrian Ross. A son, Lt. John Ross, of the Royal Artillery, is now in Hongkong, attached to local station. Unfortunately he will not be here to see local production (January 15, 16, 18 and 2.30 p.m. matinee on January 18), as he leaves for Home first week in January.

## Elissa Landi Loses Her "Dearest Friend"

Countess Zanardi Landi, the 53-year-old mother of Miss Elissa Landi, the British film actress, has died suddenly in Hollywood.

Miss Landi was in England at the time.

She went to London to act opposite Douglas Fairbanks junior in "The Amateur Gentleman" and completed her part in the Elstree production the day before her mother died.

A newspaper representative spoke to Miss Landi at her London hotel: "I have lost my dearest friend," she said.

Some years ago the Countess published a book entitled "The Secret of an Empress." In it she claimed to be the youngest child of the Empress Elizabeth, consort of Francis Joseph of Austria, but explained that because of the wish of the Empress to keep one of her children to herself, her birth was kept secret, and she was brought up away from the Court.

Her book was published during the Great War, and on this account did not attract so much attention as it otherwise might have done.

## Cinema Chat

### THE STAR YOU VOTED NUMBER 1 IS COMING TO HONGKONG

GOOD news for film fans, and, especially for admirers of Ginger Rogers.

Popular RKO-Radio star has intimated, in letter to Shanghai office, that her oft-delayed trip to Far East is likely to mature in the near future.

If nothing happens to mar present plans, she will leave Hollywood for Honolulu, Shanghai and Hongkong late March, arriving here early May.

She is keen to meet the hundreds of Hongkong admirers who, earlier this year, voted her the most popular screen star.

Hubby Lew Ayres will accompany her, and Hongkong will be chief port of call, stay-over, if any, being made here.

Since readers of morning contemporary voted Ginger their No. 1 favourite by overwhelming majority in February this year, she has become even more popular with local fans, two outstanding films "Gay Divorcee" and "Roberta" considerably enhancing her reputation.

Now we are about to see film that is said to top all previous work by Astaire-Rogers combination.

Good business tactics by Mr. C. Rossetti, Managing Director, has given the Alhambra theatre this scoop for the mainland, and, as result, the two principal island theatres are going to find it difficult to find a rival picture of equal pulling power for the best day of the year—Chinese New Year.

The picture is "Top Hat." It will be released at the Alhambra on Chinese New Year's Eve—January 25.

NOW and again the Alhambra do big things like this and as a result, I can see considerable rivalry developing between the two sides of the harbour. Lots of people say the Alhambra is before its time, but watch how the people will flock to "Top Hat." "Lives of a Bengal Lancer" also premieres at this theatre and the result was capacity houses for every performance.

Speaking of Fred Astaire, an American dance band advertised that it plays "melodies that bring out the Astaire in you."

Switchback to Ginger Rogers. To all you admirers, a tip. Not to be missed, even for a second viewing, is "Star of Midnight," scheduled at the Star Theatre to-morrow. Ginger, you'll remember if you saw it at the King's a month or so back, plays opposite William Powell. They are as ideal a combination as were Powell and Myrna Loy in "Thin Man." Make this your No. 1 choice for Sunday.

The Shirley Temple cycle hasn't ended yet. Yet another of them is booked to make Hongkong premiere at the Alhambra to-morrow. The little Big Shot in Sybil Jason, who hails from Capetown. If you like in Temple you'll like in Jason, because she's a brunette edition of her famous blonde contemporary.

Burns and Allen "gag." Burns: Oh, hold your mouth. Grace Allen: What, and get bitten?



STAR OF THE WEEK NO. 1. Appearing in film "Alice Adams" at King's to-morrow is Katherine Hepburn, one of the screen's real actresses. She has never given a better performance, and by sheer force of personality, rises way above the story and balance of cast. An actress who can make us wiggle uncomfortably in our seats when she portrays a girl's indiscretions has something that not too many of the screen's idols possess. "Little Women" was her last success.

## How You Can Celebrate On Tuesday

### PLENTY OF GAIETY FOR N.Y. EVE

BEFORE you go first-footing on Tuesday night, there are a dozen and one places where you can get that mellow feeling so necessary in these modern times to suitably greet a New Year.

More money is being spent in gaiety in Hongkong this season than for some time past, so everyone who caters for your entertainment is making a supreme bid for your patronage.

Elsewhere on this page you'll read of a fairly imposing line-up of films for the more sober-minded.

Dancing, however, is going to draw the largest crowds. Real Carnival is in the air on this eve of the New Year.

Old friends, Cowan and Bailey and Ted and Evelyn (not forgetting Mistress of Ceremonies Estelle Davies) are waiting to greet you at both the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels, which advertise Dinner Dance Carnivals until 3 a.m. on January 1.

Out at Repulse Bay, where the crowd won't be so noisy and boisterous, Albert Haudt, of the Magicians' Club in London, is billed as the attraction between dances.

The Gloucester Hotel, always sure of its quota of patrons, relies upon an excellent Chef as the chief attraction for its Carnival Dinner Dance, also billed to last until the small wee hours.

Most people finish up their celebrations over Kowloon side, where they can be lured to either K.C.C. or China Light and Power Club, both holding Plain and Fancy Carnivals. Former usually finishes 3 a.m.-ish, latter when you want to. Most people go to one, finish at other.

Startlingly large number of Hongkong people prove that they are not entirely irreligious by slipping into Church just about midnight, and you usually find packed congregations in hybrid dress—ranging from dinner jacket to ridiculous—depending on whether you're in fancy or not.

Oh, yes, and then there's "First Footings." An old Scottish custom. If you're a brunette, they'll welcome you with open arms, because dark people are lucky. Scottish gentlemen don't prefer blondes—until a brunette has crossed the threshold. Olden days it was customary to hold a lump of coal and a potato in your hand as you crossed the threshold—idea being that you'd bring heat and food for the rest of the year. In these modern times it's more customary to take a bottle of whisky, idea being, apparently, that you get the same effects.

## A Minute £66 For The Quins

A Cheque for £10,000 has been paid into the bank account of the Dionne Quintuplets at Callander, Ontario.

It is payment for their services in the film of their life which Twentieth Century Films are to make.



GRETA GARBO'S salary is reputed to be £100,000 a year.



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## King Peter Sends for Sam



KING PETER, the twelve-year-old sovereign of Yugo-Slavia, has sent to London for "Sam," the hero of the recently completed British coloured film cartoon, "Sam and His Muskets."

The "command" came straight from the Royal Palace at Belgrade, and the producers, Anglia Films Ltd., immediately dispatched a copy of the film.

It will form part of a programme of the best in films which his Majesty sees once a week. This is merely one of the facts which prove that British colour film cartoons have made enormous strides towards perfection, and that they promise to become rivals to Walt Disney.

## MAKE-UP HINTS By MAX FACTOR

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## THESE KIDDIES STOLE THE GLORY



Five of the Kiddies who outshone the adult Stars in this year's Y.M.C.A. Fantomine in the West Lounge last week. —D'Ale Studio.

## Dialling Daventry

## EMPIRE STATION WILL BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

On New Year's Eve Daventry will convey messages of good-will from all parts of the British Isles to those overseas.

The birth of the year is a time for memories, so an effort will be made to try to revive memories of people and places long since forgotten.

Songs and laughter, music and pealing bells will form the background of a programme which the B.B.C. producers have called "A Good New Year to One and All."

This programme may be heard at the following times on New Year's Day: Transmission 1 at 4.30 p.m. H.K.T.; Transmission 3 at 10.30 a.m. H.K.T.; Transmission 6 at 11 a.m. H.K.T. For years past it has been usual on New Year's Eve for the B.B.C. to broadcast a retrospect of the previous

twelve months. On Wednesday however, a new experiment will be attempted when a programme entitled "Chimes at Midnight" will be broadcast. It will be directed mainly to the "stay-at-home" listener who prefers the quiet of his fireside or a corner of the verandah to the boisterous merry-making of his fellows.

The programme will start at 7 a.m. Thursday H.K.T. with selections of prose, poetry, and music, suitable for the last hour of the year. These will be followed by a Watchnight Service from St. Paul's Cathedral, London. When Big Ben has sounded midnight, (8 a.m. H.K.T.) the programme will turn to actuality shots of New Year scenes in London, Berwick-on-Tweed, and Edinburgh.



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## TOUCHING TRIBUTE

### DOG LAYS WREATH BESIDE SENATOR'S OFFIN

St. Paul, Dec. 27. Thousands paid tribute to Senator Thomas D. Schall, America's blind Senator, and critic of President Roosevelt, as his body lay in state in a flag-draped casket in the rotunda in the Minnesota capital. Among those who paid tribute was a two-year-old German police dog, trained to guide the blind through traffic, which was to have been a Christmas present to the Senator. The dog gently laid a wreath at the side of the coffin. Hundreds braved the bitterly cold weather to attend the funeral service, which was held in the Lakewood Chapel, Minneapolis.—United Press.

## POLICE CHANGES

### MR. D. BURLINGHAM LEAVES FOR HOME

Mr. D. Burlingham, Deputy Inspector General of Police, who has been invalided out of the Police Force, left for home to-day aboard the P. and O. liner Naldora, accompanied by Mrs. Burlingham. Consequently Mr. Burlingham's departure, Mr. L. H. Booth has been appointed Divisional Superintendent of Police, and Mr. W. R. Scott acting D. S. P. Sergeant C. Mottram and Sergeant W. N. Dinkin are also sailing for home aboard the Naldora. The following Police officers returned from leave aboard the P. and O. liner Rajputani on Thursday—Sub-Inspector H. E. Rogers, who has been posted to Shamshuipo Police Station; Sergeant J. Forrest, also to Shamshuipo; and Sergeant D. Clark, to Central Police Station. The following transfers were made effective as from December 24: Mr. Sergeant Hutchinson from Regular Duty at Tsimshatsui to C. I. D. Prevention of Piracy Ordinance Duty at Tsimshatsui, vice Sergeant McCarthy from Central to Tsimshatsui; Sergeant Hunter from Shamshuipo Police Station to C. I. D. Central (water front); Sub-Inspector McPherson from C. I. D. Central (water front) to C. I. D. Yau-mat, to fill a vacancy. Sub-Inspector Ritchie from Regular Duty at Central to the C. I. D. (Central) as officer-in-charge of Arms and Dangerous Goods.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL

MESSRS. DODWELL & CO., LTD., announce that their General Offices will be located in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, 3rd floor, as from

Monday, 30th December, 1935.

Telephone and P.O. Box numbers remain unchanged. The Motor, Wine and Office Equipment Departments are not affected and will remain in their present offices.

### REMOVAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business of the undersigned will be removed from Gloucester Building, second floor, and will be carried on as from the 30th December, at Marina House, first floor, Nos. 15-19, Queen's Road, Central.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1935.

### CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

As from 1st January, 1936, the offices of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District, at present situated on the 3rd Floor of York Building, Chater Road, will be removed to the 4th Floor of Marina House, Queen's Road Central.

A. S. CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.

York Building,

Hongkong, 26th December, 1935.

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### UNION CHURCH

Usual Services For The Week

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at Union Church, Kennedy Road:

The Social Hour after the evening service will be held in the Church Hall.

The Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association meets in the Church Hall every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. Service-men and others are welcome at this meeting.

Every Friday morning a Devotional service is held in the Helena May Institute at 10.30 a.m. Morning service 10.30 a.m. Evening service 6 p.m.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Dinner Party at Sailors' And Soldiers' Home

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at Methodist Church, Wanchai:

Sunday, December 29.—Morning service at 10.15 at English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Wanchai. Evening Service at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, at 7 p.m.

Monday, December 30.—Christmas Dinner Party at Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, at 7.30 p.m.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

(A Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.)

Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station.

Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Subject: "Christian Science." Sunday School, 10 a.m. Testimonial Meeting: Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Reading Room is located at above address and is open: Monday and Thursday: 5.30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Friday: 10 to 12 noon. All authorized Christian Science Literature is available at the Reading Room.

The Public is cordially invited to attend the Service and visit the Reading Room.

## DEATH OF MR. W. S. BAILEY

### FORTY YEARS IN COLONY

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Seybourne Bailey, Managing Director of W. S. Bailey and Company Ltd., Kowloon Bay, which occurred at the War Memorial Hospital last evening after a short illness, at the age of 76 years.

A resident of the Colony for the past forty years, the late Mr. Bailey was one of the best liked and most highly respected business men in the Colony, having earned the affection of both of friends and of the staff of the firm which he so successfully established and managed.

Born in Ireland, the late Mr. Bailey was formerly connected with the Australian coasting trade, and with the China coast, before coming to Hongkong. The firm of W. S. Bailey and Company was formerly Messrs. Bailey and Murphy before the deceased took over the sole interest.

For many years the firm has had a high standing as shipbuilders and repairers, specialising in smaller craft which were regarded as models of good workmanship.

Mr. Bailey was also the builder of several river gunboats for the Canton Government.

Mr. Bailey was a keen sportsman, and his speciality was boxing. He figured, as a young man, in many a hard-fought contest, and was at one time light-weight champion of the Colony. Long after he had retired from the ring Mr. Bailey, as referee and general patron of the sport, was still one of the leading figures in Hongkong boxing.

Mr. Bailey was also a keen swimmer and a fine long-distance runner. Until a few years ago, all through the summer he would swim his three or four lengths at the Victoria Recreation Club, and then off for a run, to keep himself fit.

Mr. Bailey enjoyed extraordinarily good health until about three years ago, but while in England, he had rather a serious illness. Though from then onward he had to take things more easily than had been his custom, he still kept hard at work and in fair health. He was only in hospital for four days, and his passing was unexpected.

Mr. Bailey was a life member of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders; past president of the Kowloon Residents' Association; a member of the Hongkong Boxing Association and of the Hongkong Club. He was formerly a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and was also a keen and generous supporter of St. Andrew's Church.

The late Mr. Bailey is survived by a widow and four young children, two of whom are in Hongkong and two at school in Australia having left here only a few weeks ago. To them much sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

The funeral takes place this afternoon passing the Monument, Happy Valley, at 6 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, December 29, will be:

Christian Science. The Golden Text will be: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isaiah 60:1).

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read: "The same and at by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the beach, and the disciples came, and said unto them, 'Why speakest thou unto them in parable? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.' (Matt. 13: 1, 2, 9 and 10).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

"In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science. God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing."

"For three years after my discovery, I sought the solution of this problem of Mind-healing, and searched the Scriptures and read little else, kept aloof from society, and devoted time and energies to discovering a positive rule. The search was sweet, calm, and buoyant with hope, not selfish nor depressing. I knew the Principles of all harmonious Mind action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration." (Pages 107 and 109).

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## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

### LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters. Dec. 24, Dec. 27.

British Government Securities.

War Loan 3½% redm. after 1952 £105½ £105½

Chinese Bonds

4½% Bond 1898 £102½ £102

4½% Loan 1908 £ 90 £ 90

5% Loan 1912 £ 72½ £ 72½

5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Iss.) £ 90½ £ 90

5% Gold Bonds 1924-27 £ 97½ £ 97½

5% S'hai-Nanking Rly. £ 98 £ 98

5% Tientsin-Pukow Rly. £ 92 £ 92

5% Tientsin-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan) £ 31 £ 31

5% Honan Rly. £ 28 £ 28

5% Hukang Rly. £ 42½ £ 42½

5% Lung Tsing U. Rly. 1913 £ 19 £ 19

Foreign Bonds and Banks

German 7½% Int. Loan 1924 £ 58 £ 58½

Japan 5½% Sterling Loan 1907 £ 84 £ 83½

Japan 4½% Sterling Loan 1924 £ 96½ £ 96½

H.K. & S'hai Bk. (Ldn. Regd.) £ 96 £ 96½

Chartered Bk. of I.A. & C. £ 127½ £ 13

Commercial and Industrial

Allied Ironfounders 35/3 35/6

Associated & Elec. Industries 42/10½ 43/-

Austin Motors ord. sh. 41/- 41/-

Boots Pure Drug British-American Tobacco (Leaser) 110/10½ 110/3

Canadian Celanese 105/- 105/-

Chinese Eng. and Min. (Bearer) 10/6 10/9

Courtaulds 50/10½ 50/8

Distillers 97/6 97/9

Dunlop Rubber 37/1½ 38/-

Electric and Musical Industries 27/3 27/6

General Electric (England) 72/6 72/9

Hawker Aircraft 29/6 29/9

Impl. Chem. Ind. 37/- 37/-

O.K. Bazaar 150/10½ 150/6

Impl. Tobacco 161/3 162/6

Tell. Royce 47/6 47/6

Tate & Lyle 87/6 87/6

Turner & Newall 69/6 70/-

United Steel 31/3 31/3

Vickers ord. 20/1½ 20/3

Wainey, Corns & Field def. ord. 76/6 76/6

Woolworths 115/- 115/3

Miscellaneous

Anglo-Dutch 25/1½ 25/3

Gula Kalumpung 22/6 22/6

Rubber 1/3 1/3

Pekin Synd 29/4½ 29/6

Rubber Plantation Invest Trust 29/4½ 29/6

Mines

Burma Corp. 10/9 11/3

Commonwealth Mining 9/9 9/9

Randfontein Estates 63/- 63/8

Spaarwater Op. ions 7/3 7/3

Spaarwater Mines 42/6 42/6

Sub-Nigel 251/3 251/3

Rhokana Corp. 106/3 107/6

## U. S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

New York Cotton

Dec. 26. Dec. 27.

January 11.51 11.51/51

March 11.25 11.25/25

May 11.11 11.11/11

July 10.93 10.93/93

October 10.58 10.58/58

December (1936) 10.55 10.55/55

Spot 11.00 11.00

New York Rubber

January 13.34 13.33/33

March 13.54 13.50/50

May 13.68 13.65/65

July 13.84 13.79/79

September 13.95 13.95/95

Total sales—138 lots

Chicago Wheat

December 106½ 103½/102½

May 98½ 99½/98½

July 89½ 89½/88½

Thursday's sales—9,226,000 bushels

Chicago Corn

December 57½ 56½/56½

May 59½ 59½/59½

July 60½ 60½/60½

Thursday's sales—2,004,000 bushels

Winnipeg Wheat

December 84½ 84½/84½

May 88½ 87½/87½

July 88½ 88½/88½

March 1.91 1.89½/89½

May 1.90 1.89½/89½

July 1.90 1.89½/89½

Total sales—51 lots

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## POST OFFICE.

## H.K. GOVERNMENT RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from December 14, 1935 to January 6, 1936, both dates inclusive. (a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate. (b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS VIA SINGAPORE

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Saigon-Marseilles (Air Orient) via Saigon

Singapore-Australia

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## VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## INWARD MAILS

Japan	Atsuta Maru	December 28
Japan	Nagato Maru	December 28
Saigon	Roggeveen	December 28
Haiphong	Canton	December 29
Shanghai	Fionia	December 29
Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail ex "Imperial Service" (London, 14th December)—and "K.L.M. Service" (Amsterdam, 18th Dec.)		
Hosang		December 29
Straits	Lycan	December 29
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	December 29
Japan	Genoa Maru	December 30
Japan	Nankin	December 30
Shanghai and Amoy	Tsinan	December 30
Shanghai	Agamemnon	December 30
Straits	Gremer	December 31
Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	December 31
Straits	Titan	December 31
Straits and Air Mail ex "Imperial Service" (London 17th December)		
Yasukuni Maru		December 31
Arabia Maru		January 1
Japan		
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shang- hai, (Vancouver B.C., 14th Dec.)	Emp. of Asia	January 1
Amoy	Santhia	January 1
Straits	Barentsz	January 1
Shanghai	Bhutan	January 1
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	January 1
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco, 6th December), Australia and Manila	Pres. Johnson	January 1
	Taiping	January 1



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9.05 p.m. "Pomp and Circumstances" March No. 4 by G. (Elgar).

9.05-9.20 p.m. From the Studio.

A Recital by Elsa Alves (Soprano) accompanied by Fred Alves.

#### Programme.

1. Estrellita Ponce; 2. Homing Del Rio; 3. Lullaby Scott; 4. Caro Nome ("Rigoletto") Verdi. 9.20-9.25 p.m. "Carmen Sylva" Waltz (Ivanovic). 9.25-9.45 p.m. From the Studio. "Peter Simple in Peking." 9.45-10 p.m. B.B.C. Wireless Military Band. Faust—Ballet Music (Gounod); Lynwood March (Hume); Prairie Flower—March (Hume). 10 p.m. Big Ben: Reuter Press Bulletins. 10.05-10.30 p.m. Dance Music. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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To-day's Broadcasting From Four Transmissions

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#### Transmission 1

(G.S.A. and G.S.C.)  
7 a.m. Big Ben: A Studio Concert by Empire Orchestra.  
7.15 a.m. Grand Christmas Pantomime.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 8 a.m.  
8.45 a.m. The News and Announcements.  
9.45 a.m. Close down.

#### Transmission 2

(G.S.C. and G.S.E.)  
7 p.m. Big Ben: The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 8 p.m.  
8.15 p.m. Talk: "I Knew a Man."  
8.35 p.m. Grand Christmas Pantomime.  
8.45 p.m. The Children's Hour.  
9.30 p.m. The News.  
9.45 p.m. Close down.

#### Transmission 3

(G.S.F., G.S.E. and G.S.B.)  
10 p.m. Big Ben: The Scottish Studio Orchestra.  
10.45 p.m. Land's End to John o' Groats.  
11.15 p.m. "High Spirits"—No. 10: The Orpheus Restaurant, Belfast.  
11.30 p.m. Dorothy Hodgkin's Hissers and Players.  
12.15 a.m. Reginald King and his Orchestra.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.30 a.m.  
12.50 a.m. The News.  
12.55 a.m. Reginald King and his Orchestra (cont'd).  
1 a.m. Close down.

#### Transmission 4

(G.S.B. and G.S.D.)  
1.15 a.m. Big Ben: The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.  
2 a.m. The News.  
2.30 a.m. Piano Solo: "High Spirits"—No. 10.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 3 a.m.  
3 a.m. The Saturday Magazine.  
3.45 a.m. The B.B.C. Military Band.  
4.20 a.m. Music Hall.  
5.15 a.m. Close down.  
PART II  
5.30 a.m. Medvedev's Balalaika Orchestra with Olga Alexeeva (Soprano).  
Max Turensone (Tenor), and Vladimir Kilm (Baritone).  
Greenwich Time Signal at 6 a.m.  
6.45 a.m. Grace Fields.  
6.50 a.m. Dance Music. Ambrose and his Orchestra.  
7.45 a.m. Embassy Club Orchestra.  
8.45 a.m. Close down.

#### DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

To-morrow's Broadcasting From Four Transmissions

Transmission 1  
(G.S.B. and G.S.C.)  
7 a.m. Big Ben: Dance Music. Ambrose and his Embassy Club Orchestra.  
7.45 a.m. "High Spirits"—No. 10.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 8 a.m.  
8 a.m. Christmas Cabaret.  
8.45 a.m. The News.  
9.45 a.m. Close down.

#### Transmission 2

(G.S.C. and G.S.E.)  
11 a.m. Big Ben: "We Won't Go Home Till Morning."  
Greenwich Time Signal at 11.30 a.m.  
11.45 a.m. The News.  
12.3 p.m. Close down.

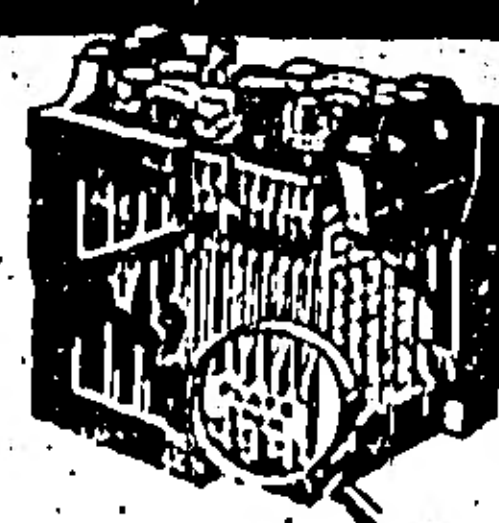
#### Transmission 3

(G.S.B. and G.S.D.)  
10.15-10.45 p.m.: G.S.E. 10 p.m.-1 a.m.: G.S.B. 12-1 a.m.: A Programme of Ballet Music. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra.  
10.45 p.m. Sports Talk.  
11 p.m. A Recital of New Gramophone Records.  
11.30 p.m. The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.  
12.10 a.m. Weekly Newsletter and Sports Summary.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.30 a.m.  
12.30 a.m. A Children's Service.  
1 a.m. Close down.

#### Transmission 4

(G.S.B. and G.S.D.)  
PART I  
1.15 a.m. Big Ben: The B.B.C. Military Band.  
2 a.m. Weekly Newsletter and Sports Summary.  
2.20 a.m. Trolie and his Mandolins with

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Don Carlos (Tenor).  
2.30 a.m. The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 3 a.m.  
3.30 a.m. A Recital by John Costa (Tenor) and Eda Kersey (Violin).  
3.55 a.m. A Religious Service, played from Lambeth Palace, London.  
4.45 a.m. Close down.

#### PART II

5 a.m. Talk: "Serialized."  
5.20 a.m. Leslie Jeffries and the Grand Hotel.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 6 a.m.  
6 a.m. Weekly Newsletter (Second Reading) and Sports Summary.  
6.20 a.m. The New Georgian Trio.  
6.45 a.m. Close down.

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7.15 p.m. U. P. Education Programme.  
7.30 p.m. Rikson Espanol featuring Ramon 7.45 p.m. "Teachers' Sanatorium Programme."  
8.15 p.m. Pilones of the Philippines.  
8.30 p.m. Rodolfo Danoso and his Fourtours.  
9 p.m. Kim Dancing Party, sponsored by Burden Company, manufacturers of Kim and Mallet Milk.  
12 Midnight. Sign Off.  
Sunday's Programme  
5 p.m. Hand Concert.  
5.30 p.m. Studio Presentation—Alma Corro.  
6 p.m. Manila Revue, conducted by Luis Nolasco.  
7 p.m. The Catholic Hour.  
7.15 p.m. Manila Trading Centre Musicale, conducted by Alfredo Roa.  
7.30 p.m. Dance Music by the Manila Polo Club Orchestra.  
8.30 p.m. Filipino Couth Hour, conducted by Leon Ma. Guerrero, Jr.  
9 p.m. The Gentle Store presents Mo and Noah in "Snaky Business," by Rev. K. H. Jones.  
9.15 p.m. Gospel Hour conducted by Rev. K. H. Jones.  
9.30 p.m. Symphony Concert.  
10 p.m. Summer Hour.  
11 p.m. Sign Off.

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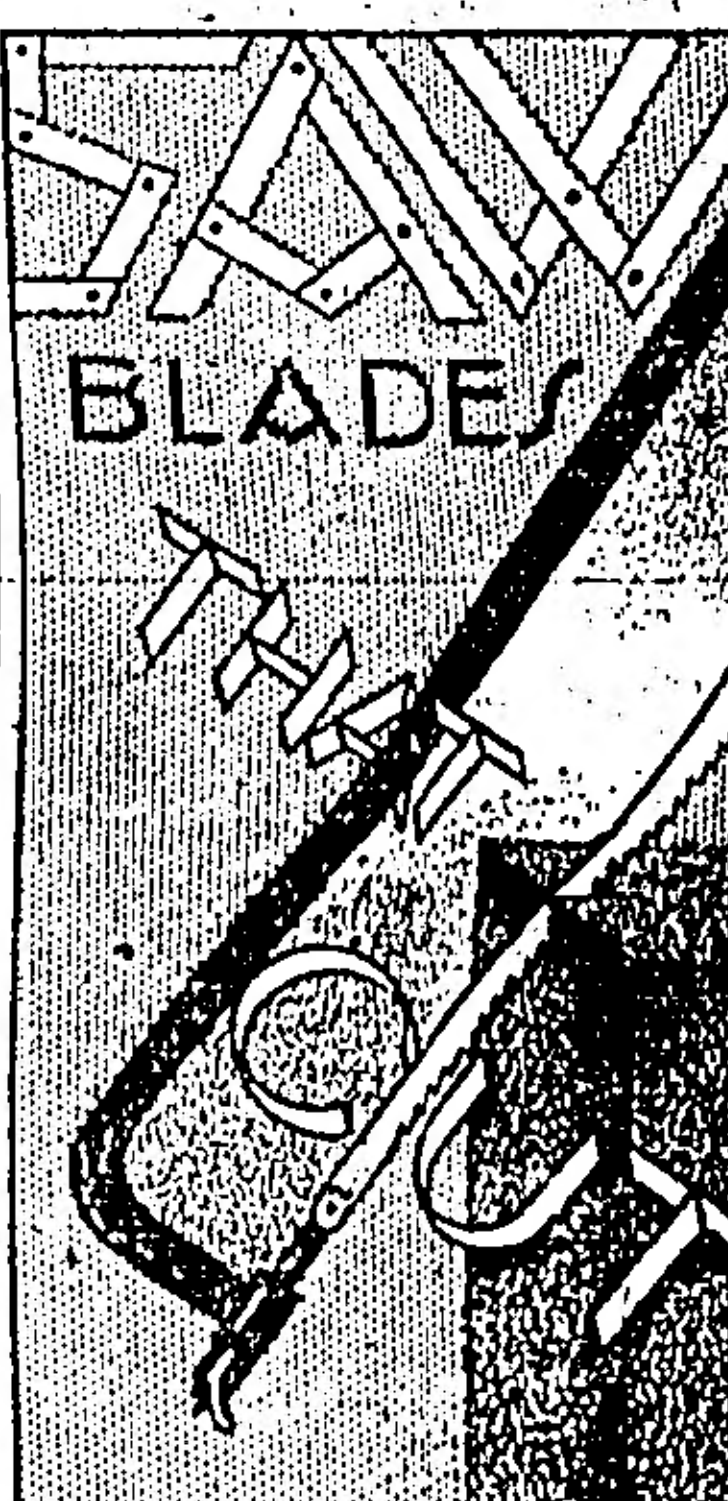
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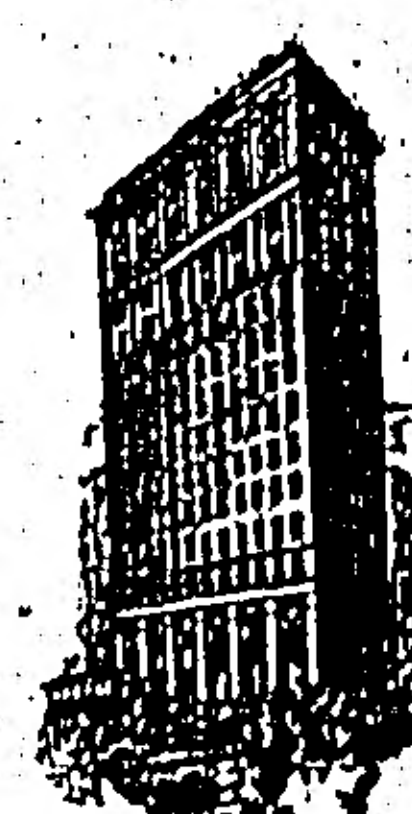
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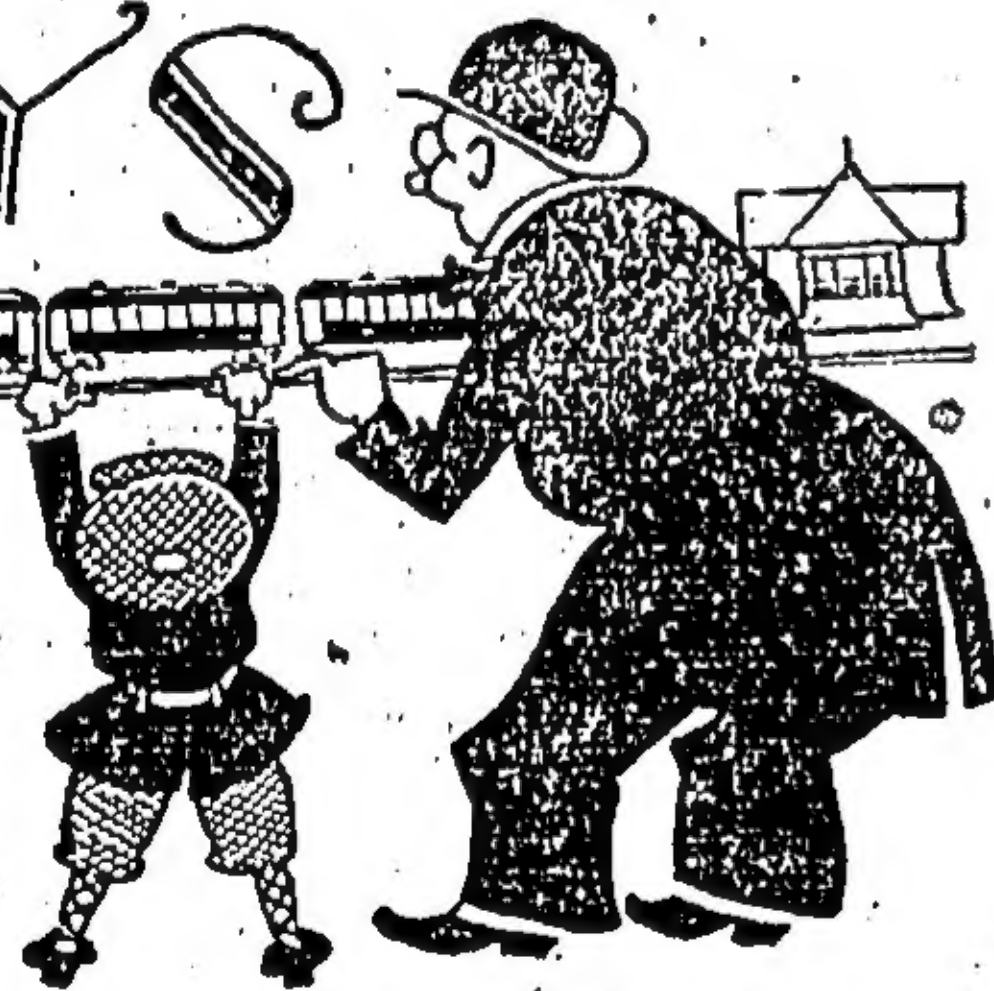
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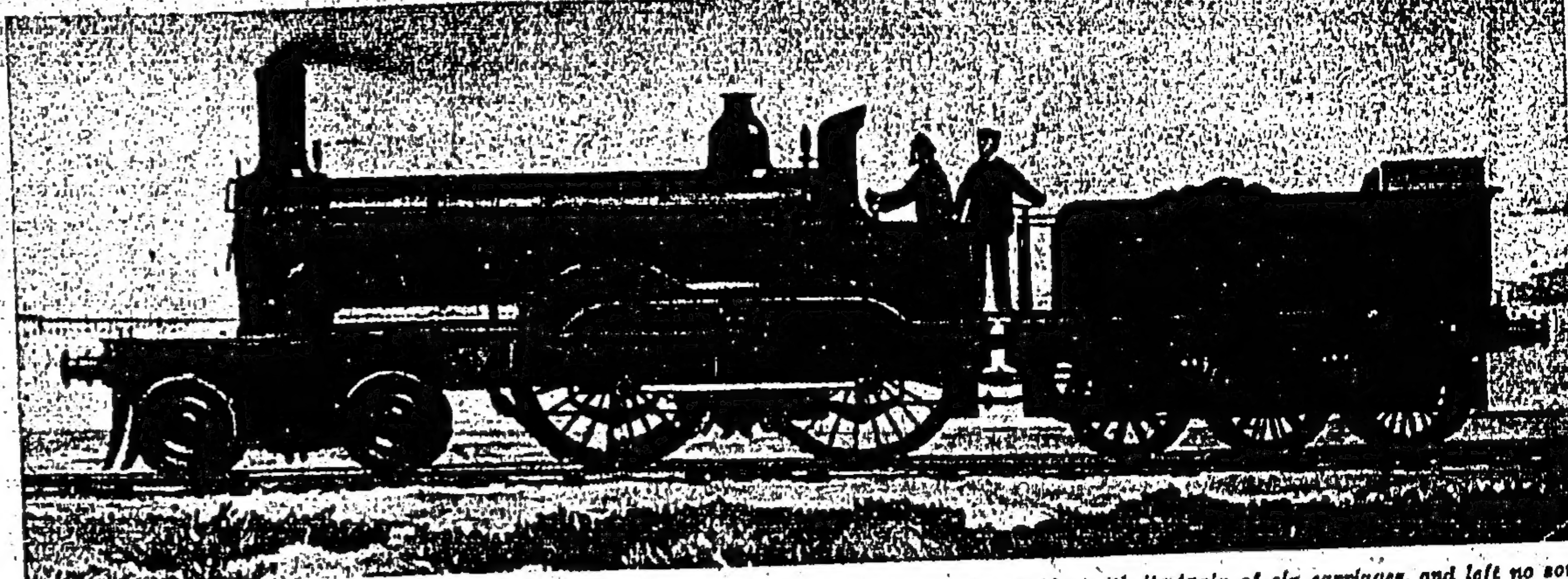
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SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1935.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The value of social service in dissipating ignorance, prejudice and misunderstanding has recently been stressed at Home by prominent personages actively associating themselves in work on behalf of those in need. Voluntary service and public service, it has well been pointed out, do not lead in opposite but in parallel directions. In Britain, the growth of social service is generally admitted to be of special importance, because the people believe in democracy and hate dictatorships, placing more value on freedom and spontaneous growth than on "efficiency" secured by compulsion. The National Council of Social Service, through various councils scattered throughout the country, serves the purpose of bringing into fellowship and co-operation all who share its ideals. In this connection, the Council has always laid stress on the importance of a social unit and centre of *esprit de corps* of the community or neighbourhood served. This is the real school of democracy. It is being increasingly realised, moreover, that social remedies have to be adapted to modern conditions and requirements. In other times, social service often smacked of self-conscious benevolence and patronage; it stimulated class severance and obstructed the enormous happiness which flows from human sympathy. To-day, however, social service involves personal contact and personal action, not merely or even necessarily the process of giving. Modern conditions emphasise the need and true economy of prevention of social ills rather than their attempted cure. In the ideal State, overlapping and consequent waste of energy and money are avoided, with real co-operation between the State and the individual, so that they may not be separated in watertight compartments to the detriment of both. Here in Hongkong, due to a variety of peculiar local conditions, the great bulk of social service is discharged by voluntary organisations, which the Government assists by grants. However, in recent times, the authorities have gradually assumed a larger share of the task, particularly in connection with welfare work amongst sick and needy children. There is, moreover, a growing sense of communal responsibility towards the poorer classes, and it is significant of the enhanced interest in this work that there is manifest a marked desire that the problem of poverty be faced by some scheme of co-ordinated effort. The problem is admittedly difficult of solution, due, in the main, to economic factors, but the social conscience of the Colony is being awakened, and in course of time it should be possible to devise a scheme which will result in some of the worst evils of local conditions being eradicated.



The engine that, on the night of Sunday, December 28, 1879, fell through the old Tay Bridge with its train of six carriages, and left no soul to tell the tale. After its fall to the bottom of Tay it lay submerged for some three months, but was eventually recovered.

## The Railway Disaster That Horrified The World

OF all the Railway accidents which have occurred within the United Kingdom, none has sent a more intense thrill through the nation than the Tay Bridge disaster.

The fact that the train and its seventy-five or so passengers—the real number was never accurately ascertained—went out of sight like a drowned rocket, leaving only mute—and yet how eloquent—wreckage, and the uncertain impressions of distant observers to testify to its fate: the fact that it happened on Sunday—which, be sure, did not escape the attention of the Scottish ministers any more than the Clayton Tunnel disaster eighteen years before had eluded the wrath of their southern brethren—all combined to invest the occurrences with an atmosphere of unusual horror.

The lost train was the evening one from Edinburgh, Waverley Station, but as these were pre-Forth Bridge days, the passengers travelled by steam ferry from Granton to Burntisland, from which place, therefore, No. 224 and its train really started.

### NOTES OF THE DAY

#### WHITHER EUROPE?

It is a self-evident truth, one supposes, that the intense nationalism in Europe to-day is the fire that keeps the pots of hate on the boil. It seems no less true that this nationalism is almost invariably an attribute of nations which have experienced revolution. It seems true that as often as not a dictatorship grows out of such internal upheavals of politics as can be classed as revolutions; and we find this strange paradox: that the reformers who insist upon the necessity of internationalism are themselves the most violent of patriots. Out of revolution came Mussolini, and the dictatorship, and that intense "Italianism" of to-day. And that is only an example.

We learn from H. A. L. Fisher's "History of Europe," that he puts the blame for the intense hostile nationalism of the past two centuries upon the growing passion for freedom which has swept the nations of the world, sometimes with shocking consequences, since the teachings of Mazzini, Cavour, Kozaith, Gambetta, and their like, first reached the people. The ideals which inspired these great Liberators were undoubtedly splendid, the love of country, the fierce pride and the refusal to accept alien domination. Their achievements were tremendous. But they created that super-sensitive national consciousness; a new susceptibility, suspicion and fear came in natural sequence. The newly-freed rattled their swords at the first suspicion of an alleged symptom of lack of respect. In other words, very often at nothing. Anyway, the quest for freedom continued on the Continent while nation-consciousness grew to nightmare strength. Hegel and Marx laid the foundations of Fascism and Communism, and continued by Locke and Rousseau. Which should it be? A state for the benefit of the people; or a people who lived only for the benefit of the state?

We commence to wonder how much freedom is to be found in the doctrines of the revolutionary leaders when we remember that the world's greatest modern dictators, for the most part, sprang from the Communist field. The Second International continued the names of Lenin (the Russian leader who, many insist, was more an autocrat

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Homeward bound to join their folk for New Year's Eve . . . Fifty-six years ago to-day, on a turbulent Scottish Sunday, the train commenced its last journey. Aboard were seventy-five or so—the real number has never been ascertained—passengers. A plate-layer idly watched its progress as it commenced to cross the Tay Bridge. Then . . . "a great flash of fire sprang up, and the three tail lights disappeared from his view . . ." The entire train and its occupants dropped into the waters below like a drowned rocket and for two days, until divers descended to the bed of the Tay; no one knew exactly what had happened.

Out of the Tay Disaster, which struck horror into the hearts of all Scotland, grew the colossal Forth Bridge, which owes its extremely massive design entirely to the catastrophe. Had the train been a few minutes earlier or later, it is quite possible that the old Tay Bridge would be standing to-day, and the Forth bridge may have been of less spectacular design.

It is curious that nobody has recorded what sort of a passage the ferry boat made on that rough night. It can be very bolsterous on that part of the Forth without the assistance of a phenomenal storm, but the gale would be in the steamer's favour on this occasion.

The Tay Bridge had been opened on June 1 in the previous year, and had therefore had an existence of only some nineteen months. It carried a single track with check rails throughout, and was 3,465 yards—nearly two miles—long. It consisted of eighty-six spans varying from 29 to 246 feet in length. There were eleven of the latter length and two of 227 feet, these thirteen spans being the high wrought-iron lattice of girders—27 feet high and 14 feet 10 inches apart—which fell. The piers were some of them of brick, but most consisted of hexagonal brick piers surmounted by groups of cast-iron pillars bolted and braced together. The bridge was neither level nor straight, but from the Fifteenth side rose gradually to the high girders, and then fell rapidly 1 in 74 to the Forth side which it approached on a curve of 20 chains. The maximum height of the rails above high water was 92 feet, and the maximum depth of the river at high water was 45 feet.

The bridge was built from the designs of Mr. T. Bouch, engineer to the North British Railway (who was knighted on its completion), by Hopkins, Gilkes and Co.,

Middlesborough, and cost £350,000.

Prior to opening the Board of Trade tested it by running to and fro, at the speed of forty miles an hour, six heavy locomotives and tenders, weighing 438 tons, and forming 291 feet long, and under that severe proof the spans showed but an insignificant deflection, although as a matter of precaution the licensed speed of trains was limited to twenty-five miles an hour, a regulation which the Railway Company ignored.

It is noteworthy that General Hutchinson, the inspector, said that he would have liked an opportunity of observing the effects of a high wind when a train was running over the bridge. The south-west storm which caused the disaster was the most severe for many years, as was evidenced by the fact that it uprooted, not far from Dundee, oaks which were known to be three hundred years old. A gale had prevailed all day on Saturday, subsiding on Sunday morning. But it burst out again in the afternoon, and had reached its maximum about the time of the accident. It was characterised by fearful squalls, driving rain before them in blinding clouds. No accurate observations appear to have been taken at Dundee, but Professor Grant at Glasgow Observatory testified that the velocity of wind there at 7.10 p.m., and again at 8 p.m., was seventy-two miles per hour, but sudden gusts occurred from time to time which momentarily attained a velocity of ninety miles per hour, equal to 40-lb. pressure on the square foot.

The train stopped at St. Fort, two miles south of the bridge, where tickets were collected, and at 7.13 p.m. passed the south signal-box at low speed to enable the signalman to hand the line staff to the fireman, which was done without remarks being exchanged. At that moment bright moonlight prevailed, but it was occasionally obscured by masses of dark clouds blown rapidly along. In the south signal cabin with the signalman was a platelayer, who had dropped in for a chat. This man watched the progress of the train from the cabin window and noticed that soon after it had got upon the bridge sparks appeared

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### BULLS AND INNERS

#### From the Office Butts

There was a shortage of mistletoe this year, but even so, that good old kismas feeling seemed to be abroad.

Wives who gave the proverbial carpet slippers at least made sure of making their presents felt!

Another man we know was given a telescope. Wonder if he saw stars?

Every Hongkong woman may not know how to cook, but judging from the appearance of some of their plates, most of them know how to stuff turkey.

By the same token, some men who would never get the town alight, found it an easy matter with the pudding.

We heard a local resident declare that he has seen an infuriated turkey. We ourselves tried to carve one that ended up under the table.

The charge that the Colonial Office overlooks Hongkong, is denied by Sir William Peel. They even tell us how much we shall spend on the Travel Association.

We hear of one yachting party which sailed round the Island three times during Christmas. They made sure of passing the port.

Two tigers were seen on Boxing Day. We shouldn't have been surprised had it been a whole zoological garden.

Certain local yachtsmen had a bon-bon voyage.

One lady we hear about got a diamond ring out of a cracker. It was her most important Christmas engagement.

We hear of one man who has made a New Year resolution to get married. So far we have not heard about his second "her."

Sir William Peel told the China Association that speeches are conspicuous by their absence in the Hongkong Legislative Council. But this doesn't necessarily mean that our Unofficials are dumb.

### SIDE GLANCES By George Clark

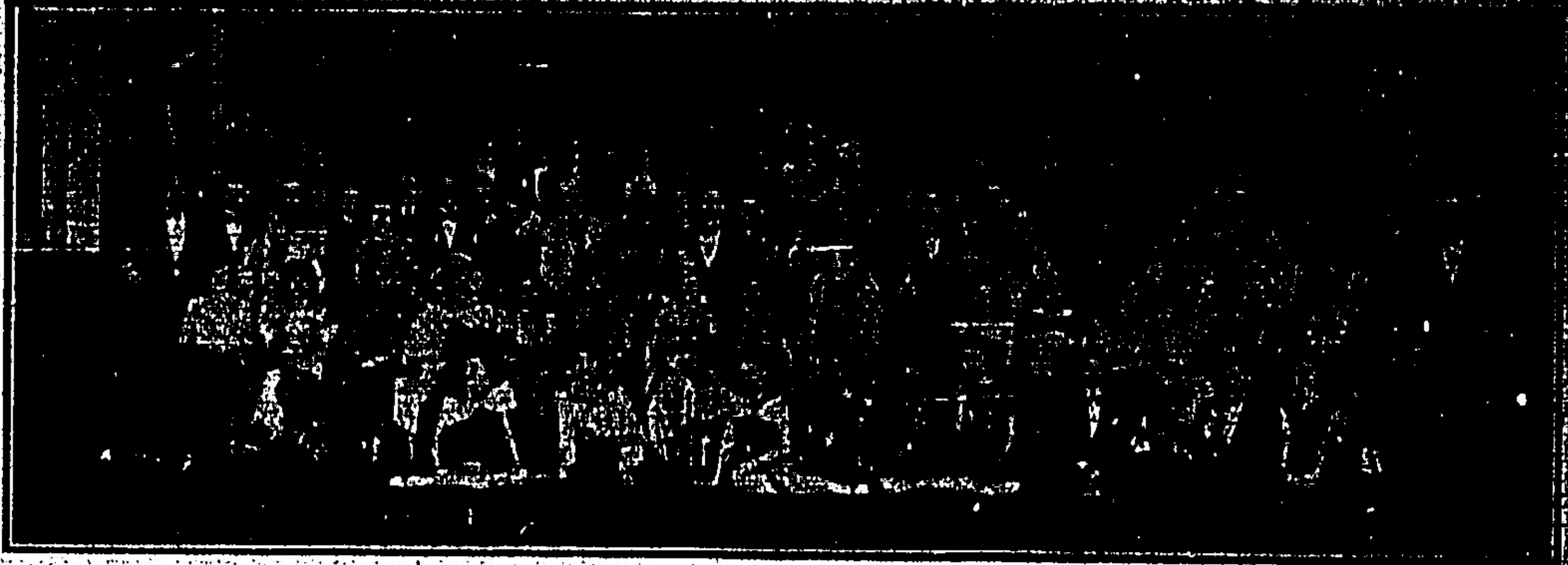


"Her husband told me not to let her take the car out, but what can I do?"





A most enjoyable fancy dress dance was held at the Peak Hotel recently, when the above flashlight photograph was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



The above picture was taken at the Christmas carnival dance held by the St. Andrew's Club in the Church Hall recently. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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IN A FIT OF BIG-HEARTEDNESS YOU SAY: "LET'S CANCEL ALL DEBTS AND START FRESH." - AND THE BIRD WHO OWES YOU TEN IMMEDIATELY MAKES ANOTHER TOUCH.



YOU RESOLVE TO WORK HARD, KEEP REGULAR HOURS AND GET AHEAD - AND WHAT HAPPENS? - SOMEONE GIVES A PARTY - AND THERE YOU ARE! - IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!



YOU RESOLVE TO BELIEVE THE BEST ABOUT EVERYONE AND AVOID REPEATING SCANDALOUS TALES - WHEN ALONG COMES A BIT OF DIRT - THAT'S SIMPLY TOO GOOD TO KEEP TO YOURSELF!



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The bridal party at the wedding of Mr. Ko Fook-sing, son of Mr. Ko Ho-ning, Manager of the Fao Hang Bank, and Miss S. K. Woo (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Bridal group taken at the wedding of Mr. Leung Iu-choi and Miss She Pick-har. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



A happy quartette of little girls who took part in the Laloma School Christmas party. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



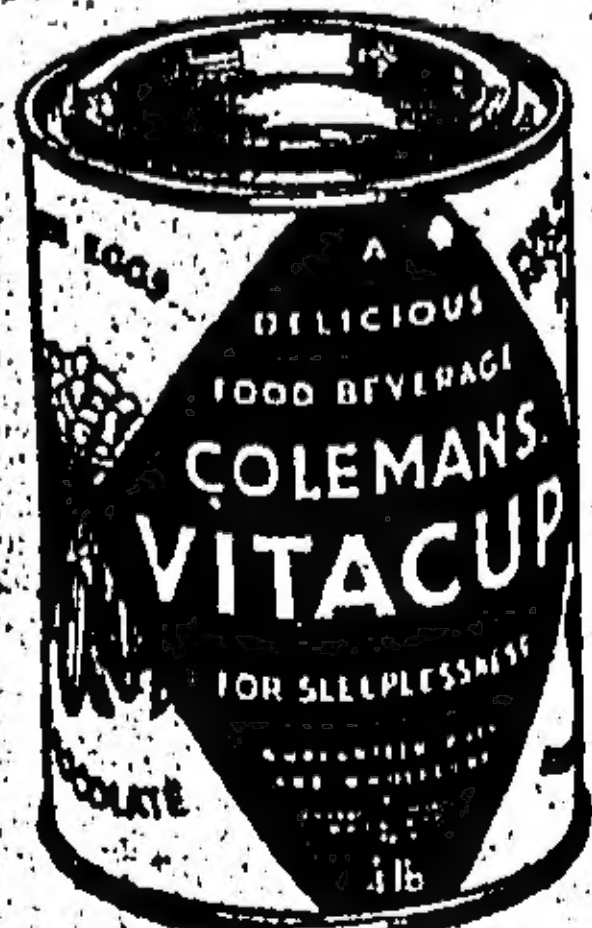
Kiddies of the Laloma School enjoying themselves at the recent Christmas party. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Picture shows a class at work in the aero-engine workshop of the Far East Flying Training School.



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"The Coming of Christ"—a Nativity play enacted by the upper classes of the Holy Spirit Anglo-Chinese School in Caine Road on the occasion of the prize-giving held at St. Patrick's Hall. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral on Friday of last week of Mr. R. G. Edwards Jones and Miss Mary Kerr, after which the above group was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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## The Railway Disaster That Horrified The World

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at the rail level, and continued all the way along. These were probably caused by the wheel flanges grinding against the eastern rail as the train felt the force of the westerly gale.

Suddenly, just at the time when the train appeared to have reached the high girders, a great flash of fire sprang up, and the three red ball lamps disappeared from his view in a moment, and appeared to descend into the river. Alarmed, he told the signalman, who was inclined to doubt; but not seeing any sign of the train on the curve towards Dundee he tried to signal to the north cabin, but found his telegraph wire interrupted.

They then started to walk across the bridge, but were intimidated by the furious blast. The writer came to understand this when eighteen months later, he walked along the narrow platform of the bridge from Warrimut, as far as the gap, in a fitful but not particularly boisterous wind.

They returned and ran along the Piffa Shore, seeking for a view of the bridge. At last the moon burst out again, and they then perceived a long gap in the line of the structure. As quickly as possible they made their way to Newport with the dismal news.

How the catastrophe appeared from the north side has been graphically told by a gentleman whose house was near the river, and commanded a good view of the bridge. He was at his parlour window giving his children a Bible lesson, and feeling a deep sense of gratitude that they were safe from the storm which howled outside, when he was attracted to the window by a startling crash caused by the blowing down of a neighbour's chimney tops.

He found a bright blaze of moonlight lighting up the broad expanse of the Tay, and showing the long white line of the bridge.

Looking at his watch he found that it was just seven o'clock, and said, "The Edinburgh train will be due immediately; let us watch if it will attempt to cross on such a night."

They turned down the gas in the parlour and grouped at the window to watch for the train. The moonshine became more intermittent, and great scurrying clouds at times intercepted it altogether.

"There she comes," said one of the children, and at that moment the slowly moving lights of the Edinburgh train could be distinctly seen rounding the curve at Warrimut and passing the southern signal-box.

The train, once on the bridge, seemed to move more rapidly, and when the engine entered the tunnel-like high girders his little girl described the effects of the lights momentarily shining through and then eclipsed by the lattice work as "like lightning."

While they were watching, a comet-like burst of fiery sparks sprang up, as though a firework had been set off, and a long trail or streak of fire was seen to fall quivered in the water below. Then there was darkness on the track.

A silence fell upon the eager group at the window as the idea broke upon them that the train had fallen over the bridge and was in the river.

With growing horror they watched the curve at the north side to try and see if the train would pass that point, but several minutes elapsed, and no moving object broke the continuity of the bridge. The gentleman took his hat and hurried out and across Magdalen Green, where he met several individuals who had observed that something was wrong with the crossing train.

The wind at that time was so strong that he had to crouch down upon the grass of the Green to prevent being carried bodily away. One man was blown against another, and both tumbled together. The massive signal post beside the north box was bent by the wind like a willow, and on entering the Esplanade the pebbles were dashed

about with such force that the hands and face were positively sore with the violence of the impact.

When the alarm was given by the Stationmaster at Tyn Bridge Station and the Dundee locomotive foreman made their way along the bridge in spite of the storm, and the latter persisted until he came within a few yards of the gap.

Consternation, as may well be imagined, prevailed in Dundee. The Provost and other prominent men embarked in one of the New-Port ferry-boats, and with great difficulty steamed up to the bridge, when they made out that all the long spars were down, and that a gap of at least half a mile existed.

It was two days before divers succeeded in finding any trace of the submerged train, the first coach being discovered just before dusk on Tuesday, while the engine was not located until January 1, when it was found lying 30 feet from the fifth broken pier.

Bodies were recovered very slowly, and ultimately only some thirty out of an estimated seventy-five, a number based on the tickets collected at St. Port, were ever recovered. The carriages were badly smashed, and wreckage was found as far away as Berwick and the coast of Norway.

No entirely satisfactory explanation of the disaster was ever forthcoming. The existence of guard rails forbade the probability of the train getting derailed and smashing the bridge. Sir Thomas Bouch, the engineer, thought the train, or some portion of it, had been tilted by the wind till the tops of the carriages had dragged along and displaced one or more of the girders.

If the wind pressure approached anything like 40 lb. to the square foot, this was quite possible; but then the driver would have been warned by the resulting jolting, whereas the state of the recovered engine proved that his first notice of anything wrong had been the final plunge.

Most probably the entry of the train into the tall lattice-girders, which, of course, greatly increased the flat surface exposed to the gale, unfortunately coincided with one of the fiercest gusts of the storm, and the augmented leverage thus resulting broke or disturbed some of the fastenings between the iron columns and brick pedestals, and collapse naturally followed.

The design and construction of the bridge came in for a good deal of the criticism, and the Board of Trade Inquiry showed that the plans were in some respects faulty, the material of not too high a class, and the maintenance after opening unsatisfactory; but the probability is that, had the bridge survived that night, defects would have, sooner or later, been discovered and remedied.

Had the train been a few minutes earlier or later it is quite possible that the old Tay Bridge would be standing to-day.

In that case the colossal Forth Bridge as we know it would never have existed, for it owes its extremely massive design entirely to the catastrophe of the Tay.

### NOTES OF THE DAY

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than any other, Mussolini (who unquestionably rules Italy and has led her into war), Pilsudski (the Pole, famous as a soldier, then as a statesman, but loved as a sort of god), MacDonald (who was Prime Minister of Great Britain), Laval (who is Prime Minister of France), Briand, Liebknecht, oh, yes, and Bernard Shaw. Some of them were real dictators, some of them merely the figure-head leaders of their people, with only one voice in the Cabinet, others had only the attributes of the autocrat. But most of them rose to power on a great wave of nationalism; and the greatest of them nourish it. We are waiting for someone to give us a formula for freedom which does not entail national jealousy, hatred and inevitable strife.

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### DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

OUR DOUBTS ARE TRAITORS, AND MAKE US LOSE THE GOOD WE OBTAIN BY FEARING TO ATTEMPT.—Shakespeare.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. J. B. Prentiss to be Assistant Crown Solicitor.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. E. A. D. Forrest to be Deputy Clerk of Councils.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. C. G. Forde to be Deputy Inspector General of Police.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. W. J. Carr to be Chairman of the Urban Council.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. W. M. Thomson to be Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

### CANDID CONFESSION

CHINESE CAUGHT WITH MOULDS IN POLICE RAID

A confession of having had a share in the making of counterfeit coins, was made by Wong, Lun, aged 31, unemployed, when committal proceedings against him were continued before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon. Further evidence was heard and defendant was remanded until to-day.

Defendant was charged with the possession of ten moulds for counterfeiting Hongkong silver dollars and ten-cent pieces; possession of six moulds for counterfeiting Hongkong ten-cent pieces of mixed metal; possession of ten counterfeit Hongkong dollars; and possession of 14 counterfeit Hongkong ten-cent pieces.

Detective-Sergeant C. H. Goodwin appeared for the prosecution, and testified as to where the various exhibits were found.

Chinese detective C501, Wu Shu-chi, deposed that on November 26 at 2.30 a.m. he went with Detective-Sergeant Goodwin and a party of detectives to No. 156 Kowloon Street, ground floor, where the back door was broken open and the police entered. Witness followed Detective-Sergeant Goodwin through the courtyard to a small room. The door of this room was open but there was a bed board obscuring the doorway. Defendant was standing inside the room near a Chinese earthenware stove in which a charcoal fire was burning. He was holding a ladle in one hand. A search was made of the room and various materials for counterfeiting coins were found.

Admits Counterfeiting.—Foo Yuh-ching, interpreter, stated that when defendant was charged he made statements in answer to all the charges, in which he admitted the ownership of the moulds.

Defendant elected to give evidence, and stated that on September 25 he went with a friend to the Wing Sing Tong Rattan Guild at Shamshuipo to look for a man named Wong Kwan, but he was not there. They saw his son. They were told that Wong had gone to the Lung Kong tenhouse and were advised to wait for him outside the place.

When they met Wong they went to an opium dion and had a discussion, and Wong agreed to put up some capital. That night witness was put up by Wong at the premises of the Guild, and the next day they went to Wong's house and rented a room. Wong's son and witness then moved in. From time to time Wong's son brought money to witness for provisions.

"Wong Kwan put up the capital and we started making counterfeit money," admitted witness, "some coins had been turned out and it was said by Wong Kwan that they were not good enough, but he could find people to buy them. On November 22 Wong Kwan came to me and asked me to go to Hongkong with him to buy material, but we did not do so until the 28th, of the 10th, moon and we started working on the 30th."

"On the night of the 28th, Wong Kwan's son came to me and got several dollars' worth of ten-cent pieces, and said that some purchasers had been found for them. He also told me that his father wanted to see me at his house at 9.30 that night. I went there and the three of us went out and had something to eat and smoked opium, and when I returned to my room I was arrested by the police."

Defendant stated that he would like to call two witnesses and the case was remanded for 24 hours.

Forged Bank Notes.—Further evidence was heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macdonald at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon when committal proceedings were continued against Cheung Kin-pui, book-keeper of the On Lok Yuen Cafe, 25, Des Voeux Road Central, Pun Shu, master of the Kam Cheung Piece-goods shop, and See To-wai, unemployed, charged with possession of forged bank notes.

Cheung Kin-pui is defended by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios and Pun Shu is represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall. Mr. F. G. Nigel appeared on behalf of See To-wai.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, conducted the case for the Crown.

Detective-Inspector K. W. Andrew, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, testified that on November 24, about 11.30 a.m. he received the prisoner Pun Shu from Detective-Chung Yung-fong. Pun Shu stated that he received the forged bank notes from Cheung Kin-pui in payment of a \$200 loan. Cheung Kin-pui in turn gave the name of the third defendant, See To-wai, who lived at 21, Hing Lung Street. See To-wai stated he won the money through blackmail in the country.

After further evidence the hearing was again adjourned.

### QUIET WEDDING

LIEUT. F. PURCELL MARRIES MISS N. E. SOUTH

A quiet wedding was solemnised at the Peak Church, yesterday morning when Miss Nora E. South, formerly of the nursing staff at the Military Hospital, became the bride of Lieut. F. H. V. Purcell, R.A., The Rev. H. C. Davies, M.C., M.A., officiated.

The bride, who entered the Church on the arm of Captain Temple Morris, R.A.O.C., wore a lavender shaded costume and, instead of the usual bouquet, carried a prayer-book under her arm. Lieut. Purcell, in a dark suit, was accompanied by Lieut. A.W. Lorenz, R.E.

After the ceremony, a reception was given for the newly-wed couple and their friends by Mr. H. G. Seth-Smith, Thorpe Manor.

Lieut. and Mrs. Purcell left for a trip to North China later in the day.

### RESIDENT RETIRING

MARINE SUPERINTENDENT OF JARDINE'S

Hongkong shipping circles will soon be losing one of their most prominent personalities owing to the forthcoming retirement of Capt. Donald Skinner, the Marine Superintendent of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., for whom was Mr. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd. are the General Managers.

Capt. Skinner's association with China and Hongkong dates back to 1907, when he arrived off Foochow as an apprentice on the full-rigged ship King George, which was nicknamed one of "Russell's coffins."

Natural ability backed up by hard work enabled him to rise to the position which he occupies to-day. During his service with the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, he has been in command of 11 vessels. Capt. Skinner went to live at Hull at an early age. At that port the seeds of desire to "go to sea" were sown. After a period at the Hull Grammar School, Capt. Skinner was apprenticed to the firm of Messrs. Rankin, Gilmour, and Co. of Liverpool, serving in their fine tramp steamers for over three years. He obtained his early training on the St. Irene, St. Bede and Saint Eibert.

He then joined the Prince Line for a while, later being appointed to the Anglo-American Mail Co. While with this firm he joined the full-rigged ship, King George, reputed to be one of "Russell's coffins." Despite this reputation, Capt. Skinner found her to be a fine vessel, well equipped, and along with the usual "salt horse" of those days, her master was most meticulous in seeing that his apprentices learned their business.

His service on the King George gave Capt. Skinner a sound knowledge of the sea, and even to this day he holds a very high regard for those "windjammer" days.

Arrival in China.—Capt. Skinner first saw China when he arrived off Foochow on the King George in 1907. Anchoring off Matsui Island, the ship took on 50 Chinese and sailed up to Pagoda Anchorage. It was not a pleasant nor easy job for a deeply laden sailing vessel of 3,000 gross tons.

Chinese who were taken on the ship assisted in manning the masts, though they did not "splice" them. From Foochow the vessel proceeded to Swatow, sailing into that port after being delayed for two days off Teak Rock for lack of wind.

The rest of the call from Swatow was Hongkong. The voyage took the King George 14 days to complete. Some idea of the progress made by modern shipping can be gauged by the fact that steam vessels do this now in only 10 hours.

When Hongkong, Capt. Skinner obtained his Second Mate's certificate and joined the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. His first ship was the ill-fated Loong Sang, which sank in the harbour off Blake Pier in the big typhoon of 1923. He also served on the Maunang.

A Fine Record.—Capt. Skinner's record throughout his life has been a successful one, marked by capability, hard work, and attention to the duties and the various interests of his Company.

As a member of the Technical Subcommittee (Shipping) of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce for some years, his work and advice, based on a very comprehensive knowledge of local conditions and requirements, has been invaluable. His sound nautical experience has proved useful to the Chamber more than once.

Capt. and Mrs. Skinner will be missed by their friends in shipping and charitable circles in the Colony, all of whom will join in wishing them health, long life and prosperity. They intend to take up their residence in Sydney, Australia.

### ECONOMIC EXPERTS

CONFERENCE FORMALLY OPENED IN CANTON

Canton, Dec. 27.—The 12th Annual Conference of the China Economics Association was formally opened yesterday morning at the hall of the Municipal Reception House. Over 50 members of the Association and economists attended the meeting.

The Mayor, Mr. Liu Chi-wen, and representative of General Chen Chitang and Chairman Lin Yuen-kai made speeches of welcome.

The Municipal Government gave a dinner party in honour of the members of the Association today. The Conference will be in session for four days. The main subject to be discussed is "The future economic policy of China."

The members will visit all government-owned factories and the new works of reconstruction in the province.—Central Press.

### SPEAK FOR HERSELF

ORIGINAL BROADCAST FROM QUEEN MARY

London, Dec. 27.—Twenty-eight microphones points are being installed in the giant liner, Queen Mary, at various places from the bridge to the engine room. They will be used for broadcasts during her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York next May.

The Captain of the liner, Sir Edward Britten, will broadcast from the bridge and the liner will "speak for herself" with all incidental noises of machinery, wind and wave that attend the passage across the Atlantic.—British Wireless.

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7.30-7.45 p.m. Four Songs by Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano): 1. Villi ("The Merry Widow") (Lohr); 2. The Merry Widow Waltz (Lohr); 3. Beyond the Blue Horizon; 4. Always in All Ways. 7.45-8 p.m. Vocal Gems.

Drinks all Round; Harry Lauder (arr. Byng). 8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-8.25 p.m. From the Studio. A Talk on "New Zealand's Rugby and General Sports" by S. J. Gussell. 8.25-8.30 p.m. "The Big Broadcast of 1936" Selection.

8.30-9.20 p.m. A Variety Programme.

Piano Solos—Top Hat Medley, Vivian Ellis; Vocal—Melody Trumps, The Four Aces; Instrumental—Makala Fun; Vocal—Don't be afraid to tell your Mother; Sweet Lucy Brown, The Mills Brothers; Saxophone Solo—Sime of these days, Coleman Hawkins; Songs—If all the world were mine; Your Dog's come home again, Gracie Fields; Instrumental—Hawaiian Paradise; Vocal Duet—To-night ("The Queen"); Anna Neagle and Trevor Jones; Orchestra—I Love you so—Serenade ("The Queen"); Songs—In a Little Gypsy Ten Room; Louisiana Fairy Tale, Val Rosling; Orchestra—The Phantom of a Song.

9.20-9.30 p.m. "The Golden Valse" (arr. Byng).

9.30-9.45 p.m. Davenport News Bulletin.

9.45 p.m.-12 midnight. Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

10 p.m. Big Ben Reuter Press Bulletin.

12 midnight. Close Down.

NOTE.—There will be a relay from the K. Shing Theatre on Z.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles from 8-11 p.m.

### TO-MORROW'S BROADCAST

Bells and Service From St. John's Cathedral

RECITAL BY ELSA ALVES

10.30-11.30 a.m. Morning Service from the Union Church.

11.30 a.m.-12.15 p.m. Morning Service from the Hop Yat Church (Chinese).

12.15-2.30 p.m. European Recorded Programme.

2.30 p.m. Time and Weather Report.

3.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletin.

Military Band Music.

Slavonic Rhapsody (arr. Winterbottom); Air de Ballet; Callithero (Chaminade); Pas des Cymbales (Chaminade); The Mill in the Black Forest (Ellenberg); March of the Mountain Gnomes (Ellenberg); Semper Fidelis March (Souza); The Bells of St. Mark (Rimsky); The Beggar's Opera—Selection (Austrian).

A Concert.

Songs—Der Jüngling (Schubert); Aufenthalts (Schubert); Alexander Kipula (Bass); Cello Solos—The Nightingale and the Rose, Op. 2 No. 2 (Rimsky-Korsakov); The Garden of Sleep (De Lara); Beatrice Harrison; Songs—Meine Rose (Schubert); Schöne Fremde; In der Fremde; Gedanken (Schubert); Ria Ginter (Soprano); Piano Solo—Granada—Señenado (Albeniz); Le Parc d'Attractions (Blancfort); Ricardo Vines; Songs—O Del Mio Amato Ben (Donaudy); Plink! D'Amour (Martini); Tillo Schipka (Tenor); Oet in E Flat Major, Op. 29 (Mendelssohn); Marok Weber and his Orchestra.

A Waltz Dream—Potpourri (Strauss, arr. Dostal); Blumenfeld, Op. 39 (Lange, arr. Bluthner); Luna Waltz (Lincke); Mighty Lak'n Rose (Nevin); Entry of the Spring Flowers (Kockert); You shall be the King of my heart (Stolz).

2.30 p.m. Close Down.

3.30-6.25 p.m. Chinese Programme.

6.25-10.30 p.m. European Programme.

6.25-7.45 p.m. A Relay of the Bells and Evening Service from St. John's Cathedral.

7.45-8 p.m. A Violin Recital by Master Jehudi Menuhin.

8 p.m. Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B flat Major (Brahms); 2. Spanish Dance, Op. 22 (Sarasate); 3. Minuet (Debussy); Flight of the Bumble-Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov); 4. Danse Espagnole ("La Vida Breve") (Kreisler).

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-8.10 p.m. "The Temple Bells" and "Till I awake" (Four Indian Love Lyrics) (Amy Woodford-Finden).

8.10-8.30 p.m. The Lerner String Quartet.

Air from Suite in D Transcription (Bach); Quartet No. 1 in D Major—Finale Allegro (Dittersdorf); Quartet in D Minor—Andante Cantabile ("Death and the Maiden") (Schubert); Minuet—Transcription from Sonata in G (Schubert); Moment Musical No. 3—Transcription (Schubert).

8.30-9 p.m. From the Studio.

A Recital by Tony Lorena (Pianoforte) and Owen Jeco (Baritone).

Programme.

1. Songs: More Ryt is that Name (Semel), Handel; Sombra Woods, Lully, arr. Dineky; 2. Piano Solo: Solos; Study in E Major; Chopin; Prelude in A Flat Major, Chopin.

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#### The St. John Ambulance Medical Work

(To The Editor,  
Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—As Secretary of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade I have been requested to refute absolutely as without a shadow of foundation the rumour which is being circulated by some "gossip" that the Government is taking over all the St. John Clinics in the New Territories. The population of the New Territories is well over 70,000 and the villages are scattered far and wide, too much for any one organisation to cope with.

The Aw Pau Hospital at Cheung Chau which is mainly for the women and children of the seafaring class and of the neighbouring islands is the sole property of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Furthermore, the Hon. Director of Medical and Sanitary Services is President of the St. John Ambulance Association in Hongkong, and the Deputy Director is Brigade Surgeon, while other Government doctors are also members of the Brigade and are willing at any time to assist in any emergency, so that there is the greatest of harmony and co-operation and not discord as "gossip" would like to infer.

The truth is that on account of financial depression we may be compelled to close down clinics which are by the roadside and which are easy of access to the Ho Tung Clinic. But those villages far from the beaten track and where the villagers are without means of medical assistance will be definitely kept open while it is possible, as will the maternity hospitals and children's wards where day by day life is saved.

I would like to inform uncharitably gossip that when a village was informed of the possibility of closing down the clinic the women met me on one of my visits, and many cried at the thought of being deprived of the assistance of a nurse.

The rumour is uncharitable as it tends to keep away urgently needed subscriptions, and so deprive an expectant mother or a sick baby stricken down in an isolated place without the hope of medical aid. In Hongkong there are Government hospitals and others where any one may specially obtain help.

But the thing which has "hit" our members most over this rumour is the implied condemnation of our work as a whole, especially the work of our director who sacrificed the opportunity of a peaceful retirement in England to devote his whole life in personal

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In last week's list, a donation of \$50 was acknowledged from the Diocesan Girls' School. It should read as from the Annual Bazaar of the Diocesan Girls' School.

Further donations may be sent to the Editor of the S. C. M. Post, to Mr. Andrew Cheung, 9 Norfolk Road, Kowloon Tong, or to Miss R. Mow Tung c/o Gilman & Co. Ltd.

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The Brother Rector of the congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis, begs gratefully to acknowledge receipt of the sum of \$68, proceeds of a collection made by the "Kowloon Tong Carollers" on Christmas Eve, in aid of the St. Francis' Home for Street Sleepers.

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There are 500 members of the St. John ready to render any service for humanity which may be demanded of them, and only a few days ago we were requested to give a list of members willing to give blood transfusion, so perhaps "gossip" would like to join us.

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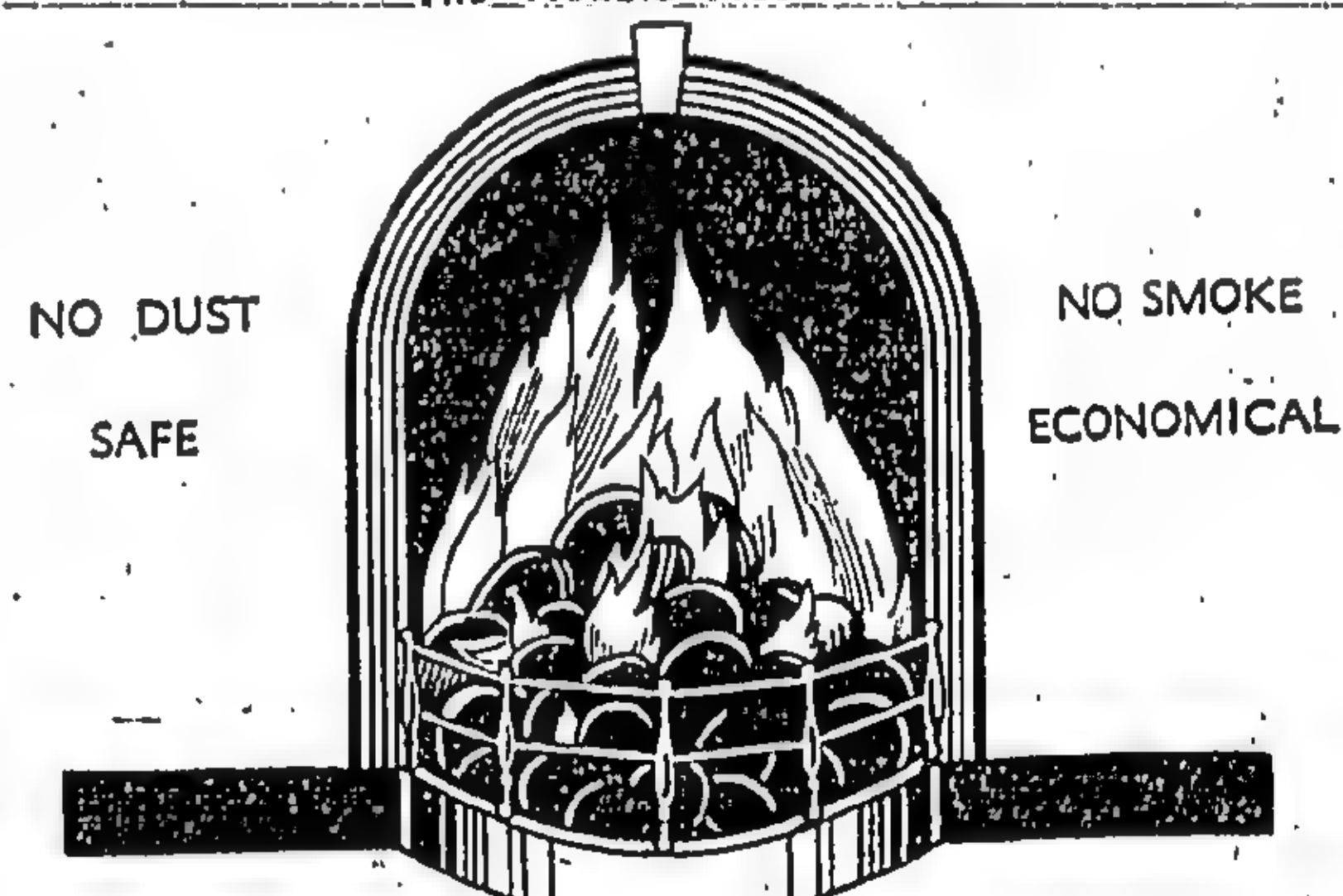
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## CINEMA NEWS

### NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

Protonce and deception weave a tangled web in "Alice Adams" which stars Katharine Hepburn in the title role, and comes on Sunday to the King's Theatre. Based on the Booth Tarkington novel which won the Pulitzer Prize for 1922, the story is an unvarnished picture of the struggles and heartaches which a girl endures in her fight for love and social recognition in a small Mid-western town. Not since Miss Hepburn won the Academy Award with her portrayal of the stage-struck girl in "Morning Glory" has she had a role which gave her such opportunities for unusual characterization, sensitiveness and understanding. In the story, Alice Adams battles snobbery and social ostracism with pretence and decent, only to find that these weapons are useless. It is only when she drops her mask of make-believe and turns the light of truth upon her enemies that she wins the love and recognition which she craves. Her faith and courage and her struggle upward to ultimate triumph make for a great and entertaining picture. Each of the characters in "Alice Adams" is vividly drawn and capably played by well known screen and stage artists. Included in the cast are Fred Stone, famous stage star, Fred MacMurray, Eve-Iva Venable, Ann Shoemaker, Frank Albertson, Charles Grapewin and others. George Stevens directed this RKO-Radio Picture.

#### "Broadway Gondolier"

"Broadway Gondolier," Warner Bros. sensational new musical comedy, which reunites the popular stars of "Gold Diggers Of 1933," Dick Powell and Joan Blondell, closes at the Queen's Theatre to-day. In the all-star cast besides Dick and Joan are Adolphe Menjou, Louise Fazenda, William Gargan, George Barbier and Grant Mitchell. The story concerns the romance of a New York taxi-driver who aspires to be a singer, and the secretary of a big broadcasting concern, who falls in love with him and arranges an audition. A series of mix-ups prevents his appearance, and his teacher, a former singer and impoverished Italian aristocrat, sings for him. But his voice has gone sour and the taxi-driver loses out. It is not until he gets to Venice that he makes good, first as a singing gondolier and then in opera. He returns to New York and succeeds in one of the most unusual climaxes imaginable. Dick Powell, in the role of the gondolier, renders several songs in the production. Joan Blondell, as the secretary to the radio magnate sings a comedy song in the picture.

#### "Black Fury"

No other first line star in motion pictures has appeared in so few films as has Paul Muni. His latest First National picture, "Black Fury," now showing at the Star Theatre, is only his eighth production, yet he is considered one of the most important male stars in Hollywood. Muni averaged only one picture a season until this year when he made both "Black Fury" and "Bordertown." Six years ago Paul Muni was brought from the New York stage to Hollywood for the first time. On that trip he made two pictures, "The Valiant" and "Seven Faces." More than a year later he returned to star in "Scarface" and two years elapsed before he came back to the film city a third time to make "I Am A Fugitive From a Chain Gang," "The World Changes" and "Hi, Nellie!" followed, but with long intervals between. Muni is violently opposed to quantity production so far as his own stardom is concerned. He holds to his original decision never to make more than two pictures a year. "Black Fury" is his most dynamic production. It is a startling colourful drama in which he is supported by a tremendous cast.

#### "Metropolitan"

For sheer musical merit, no more distinguished picture has ever come from Hollywood than the Lawrence Tibbett starring vehicle, "Metropolitan," showing at the King's Theatre to-day. But "Metropolitan" doesn't rest on music alone. The picture which presents Tibbett in selections from such operatic favourites as "Pagliacci," "Carmen" and "Barber of Seville," also has a well-rounded plot, an engrossing love story, drama

and its full share of comedy. The plot of "Metropolitan" revolves about Tibbett's efforts as a young singer to gain recognition. Impatient with slow progress in the recognized opera companies, he attaches himself to a wildcat grand opera venture, starring Alice Brady, a tempestuous and veriginous prima donna. She controls the money, holds the affection of the angel, but because Tibbett fails to reciprocate her affection his career and that of the entire company is threatened. His affection for Virginia Bruce only makes matters worse. Finally Miss Brady leaves the company in a huff. Stranded, Tibbett makes a heroic effort to put the company across, almost fails, and finally succeeds with Miss Bruce's aid. Personally produced by Larry F. Zauck, "Metropolitan" was directed by Richard Boleslawski. Cesar Romero, Luis Alberni and George Marion, Sr., are prominently cast in the supporting roles.

#### "Picture Snatcher"

If the average man or woman were asked what a "Picture Snatcher" is, they would probably pass up the riddle without so much as an effort to guess at its meaning. To most people it would have a double and somewhat illegitimate sound, like bootlegging, smuggling and the like. Nevertheless, picture snatchers and picture snatching play an important part in the life of a metropolitan newspaper. Broadly speaking, a picture snatcher in the slang of journalism, is anybody on the newspaper whose business is to get the pictures each day that are necessary to illustrate the important stories of the current twenty-four hours. Newspaper photographers are picture snatchers to their associates on a daily paper. The term is not necessarily anything more than an affectionate name for a certain type of fellow worker. There is also another class of picture snatcher who may never use a camera for months but whose duty is to run down pictorial matter of some sort or another in connection with a story where such pictorial matter is known to be in existence, but for some reason or another is difficult to lay hands on. It is this variety of "picture snatching" that has brought the business into such disrepute. Such a "Picture Snatcher" is the most portrayed with startling realism by James Cagney in his latest Warner Bros. production which bears that name and opening at the Queen's to-morrow.

#### "Star of Midnight"

William Powell and Ginger Rogers is the double-star value offered the fans for the first time. This strong, romantic combination appears in "Star of Midnight," a romantic mystery drama based on an Arthur Somers Roche story brought to the screen by RKO-Radio. Powell and Miss Rogers are seen as a unique amateur detective duo who vie with police in the effort to solve a perplexing mystery... with more at stake for them than for cleverest of circumstances. Powell, as a brilliant attorney, is the "Sherlock" of the combination, and Miss Rogers, as a youthful society beauty, is the admiring "Watson." Romance, sparkling comedy mystery and suspense are factors in the swift moving, thrill packed story. Included in the supporting cast are Paul Kelly, Ralph Morgan, Leslie Fenton, Gene Lockhart, Vivian Oakland, Russell Hopton and J. Farrell MacDonald. Stephen Roberts directed. The film is the next change at the Star Theatre.

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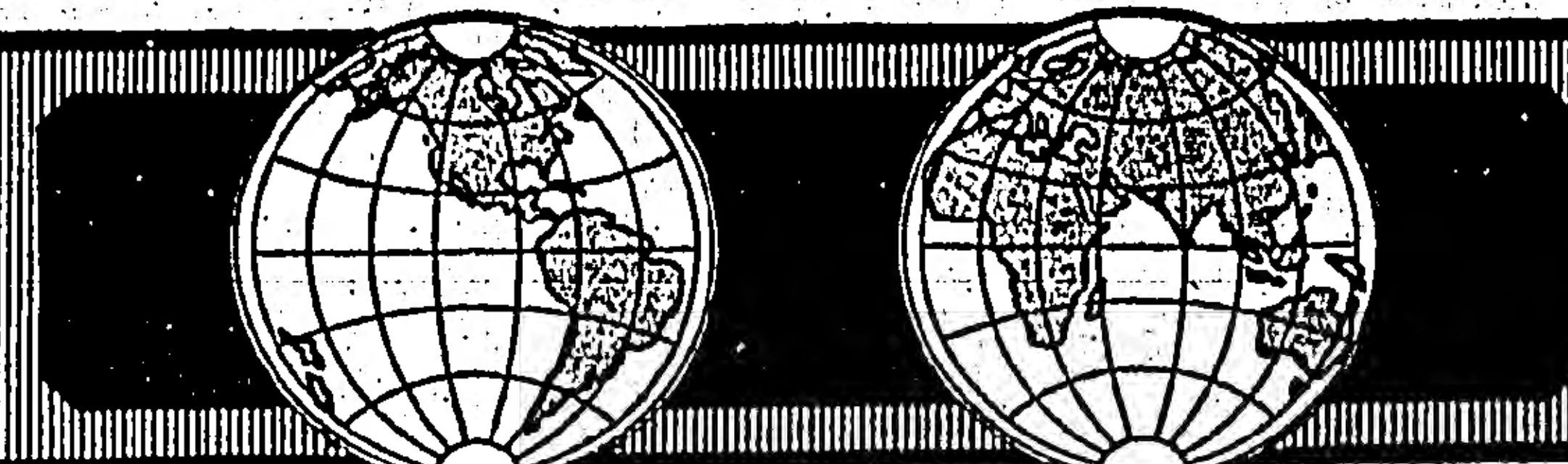
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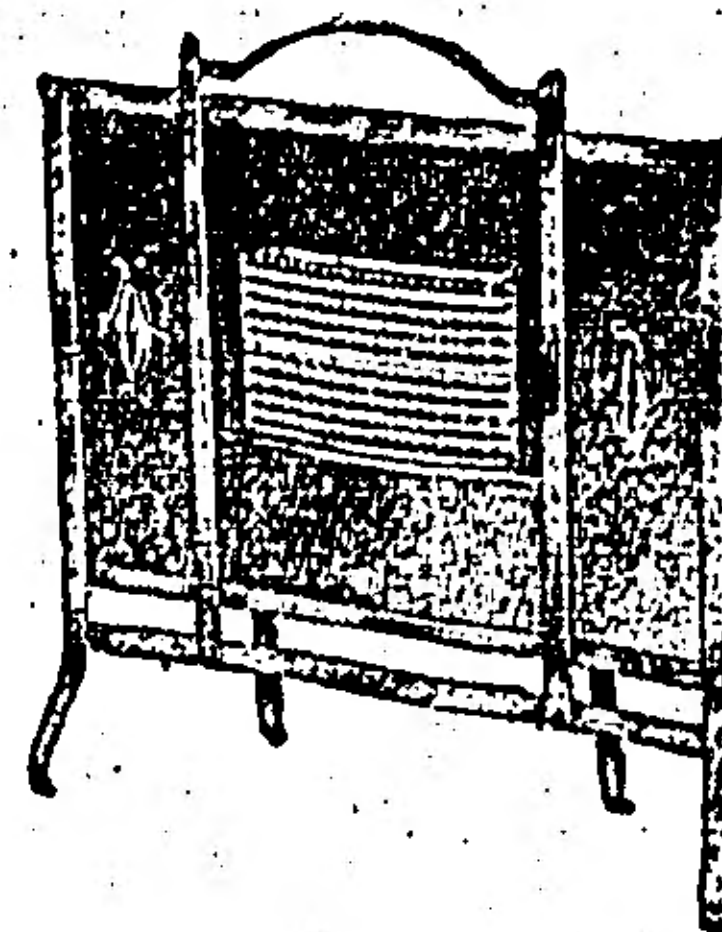
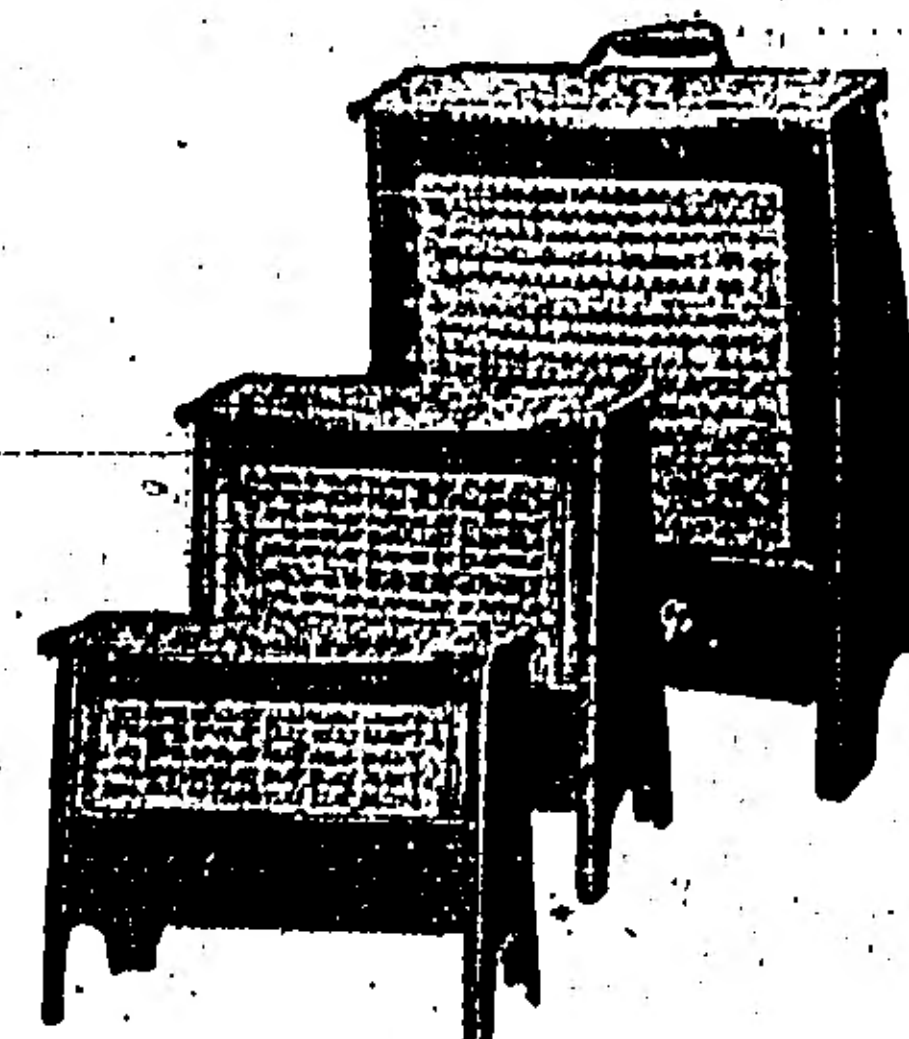
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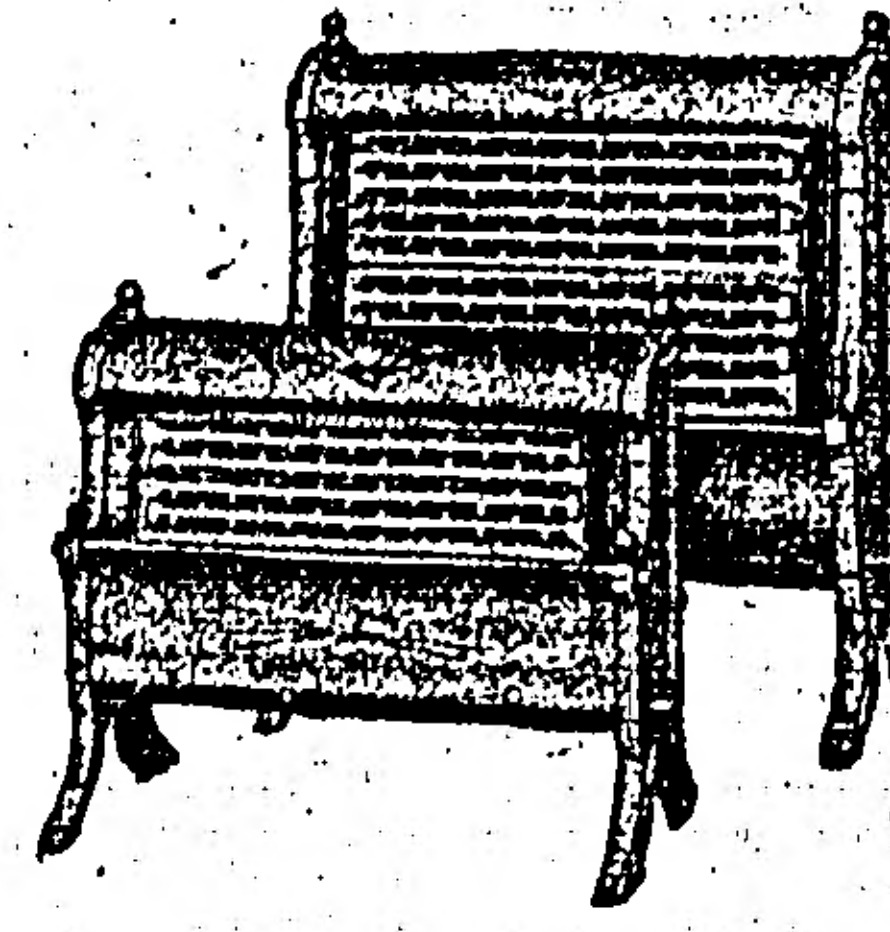
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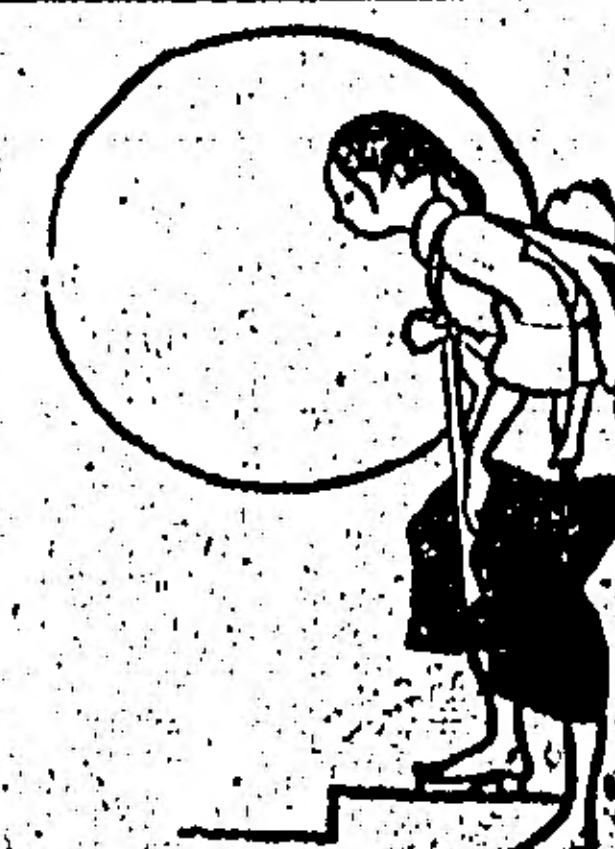


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## NEWS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

## Egyptian Constitution Refused By Britain



Anti-British rioting that broke out in and about Cairo, developed a political situation which had in it grave possibilities for England. Premier Nassim Pasha refused to resign his post following a mass meeting of the Wafd party, Egypt's independence organization. The Wafdists, comprising 90 per cent. of the electorate, have resolved to push a nation-wide boycott of everything British in protest against Britain's refusal to give Egypt a constitution. Sir Miles W. Lampson is the British High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan.

## Giant Clipper Preens For First Macao Flight



Some idea of the immense bulk of the 25-ton China Clipper can be gained from this closeup, showing Pan American Airways employees grooming her for the trans-Pacific airmail service. The huge plane is scheduled to leave San Francisco Bay early in January for Macao, thus commencing the first flight from California to China. She has already flown twice to Manila.

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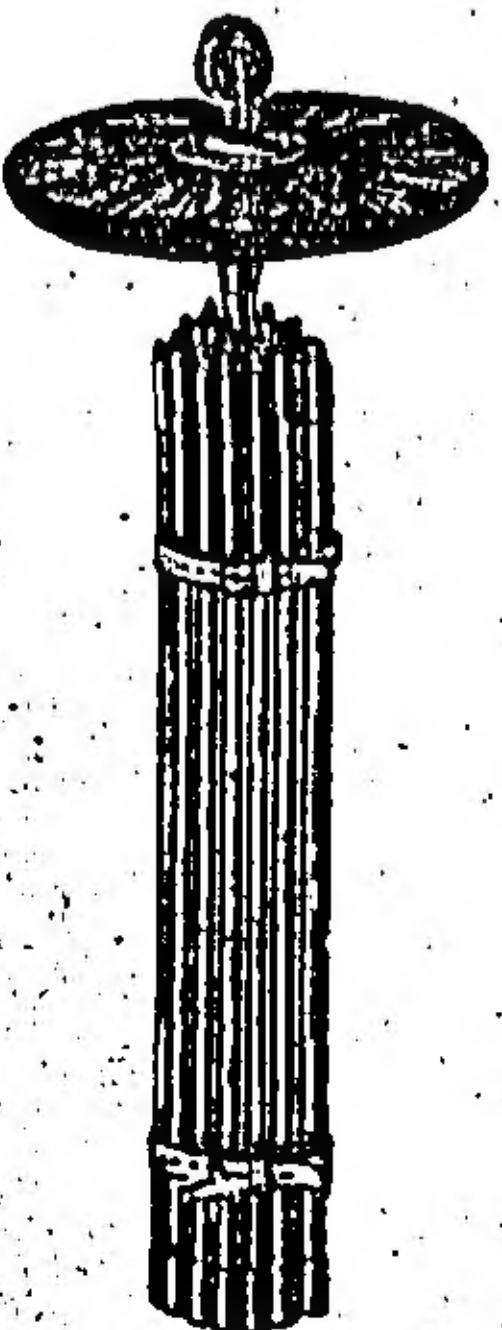
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### CROWN RENT PAYMENT

#### "REMAINING PORTION" PROBLEM

The *Gazette* contains the draft of an Ordinance to amend the Crown Rents Ordinance, 1855. It is explained that leases granted by the Crown, of land in this Colony, do not make any provision for apportionment of Crown Rent in the event of subdivision and transfer of a portion of the lot by assignment. The original owner of the Remaining Portion, or his legal representative, remains liable to the Crown for the whole Crown Rent due in respect of the lot and in practice so long as he retains the Remaining Portion he has to collect from the other section owners of the lot, the proportions of Crown rent attributable to their respective sections and pay the whole to the Treasury.

#### MORE SUB-DIVISIONS

While the number of sub-divisions of lots remained small this century, in recent years the number of sub-divisions has increased very rapidly and many of the older and larger lots have been divided into fifty or more separate sections or subsections. The owners of the Remaining Portions now find it increasingly difficult to collect the proportions of Crown Rent and many of them, after having paid the whole of the Crown Rent to the Treasury for some time, have ultimately made default. Many section owners who have always paid to the owner of the Remaining Portion their proportions of Crown Rent, have found that, without their knowledge, the owner of the Remaining Portion has made default. In case of default the Crown at present has, in exercise of its right of re-entry on the whole lot, and this has been the practice in recent years. Re-entry involves forfeiture of every portion of the lot re-entered, and the extinction of all mortgages thereon, which is a serious matter, particularly for trustees who have invested trust funds on the security of house property. Default in payment of Crown Rent by Remaining Portion owners is becoming more and more frequent and the serious effect of the increasing number of re-entries calls for a remedy.

#### ORDINANCE AIM

The object of this Ordinance is to enable the Land Officer, in his discretion, on the application of an owner of a portion of a lot and on payment of the prescribed fees to determine the Crown Rent which shall be payable direct to the Treasury in respect of such portion. Section 4 provides the principles to be observed in determination. Determination will, in so far as is reasonable, be according to area. Some old Crown Rents were fixed in sterling and these will be converted into local currency, at the rate at which all sterling Crown Rents were converted in 1902. Provision is also made for the addition of such sum, if any, as may be necessary to make the determined rent an even number of dollars. This will facilitate Treasury collection and book-keeping, without loss to the Crown, and the loss to the payer will be negligible. Section 5 makes provision for proof of area. Section 6 states result of determination. Section 7 states that the result of determination of a section owner other than the owner of a Remaining Portion. Section 7 states the result of determination on the application of the owner of a Remaining Portion. Special provision is necessary in this case as at present the Crown looks to the owner of the Remaining Portion for payment of the whole Crown Rent due in respect of the lot, and he cannot release himself from this burden unless determination is also made in respect of each other section of the lot. Compulsory determination is accordingly imposed in this case on the owners of the other sections of the lot. The fees are in this as in other cases payable by the applicant for determination, namely the owner of the Remaining Portion, but relief is provided to enable him to recover from the owner of each section, the fees applicable to such section. Section 13 enables the Governor to appoint different dates for the application of the Ordinance to different lots or areas or districts. Some such provision is necessary to prevent the Land Office being disorganised by too many simultaneous applications.

### NEW YEAR OBSERVANCES

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PLANS

London, Dec. 27. The annual celebrations of New Year associated with St. Paul's Churchyard, will this year take a more organised form as the result of a movement initiated by the Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. W. R. Matthews. Proceeding the watchnight services in the Cathedral, which will be conducted by the Dean and broadcast through loud speakers in the churchyard, the crowd assembled there will take part in community singing and will be addressed shortly by Canon H.L.L. Sheppard.—*British Wireless*.

A dinner-dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-night and a tea dance on Sunday. A special extra bus service has been arranged for the convenience of the patrons attending the dinner dance.

### Broadcasting Review

#### BRITAIN'S STEADY EXPANSION

#### RECORDING EVENTS

London, Dec. 27. A review of the year's broadcasting by B.B.C. describes the activity in the creation of new transmitting stations and the renovation and re-equipment of studios to secure the maximum efficiency both in technical results and in the distribution of the service over the country. These improvements include extension of the Empire station at Daventry and the adaptation of part of Alexandra Palace in North London for use as a television transmitting station. The year has seen steady expansion in the Empire service, constant experimenting having enabled improvements in transmission so that the empire broadcasts have been better and more consistently received. The Empire news bulletins have been increased in number. Notable broadcasts to the Empire include the Jubilee celebrations and Lord Jellicoe's funeral.

The review draws attention to the increase in the use of specially recorded material in programmes, notably in illustrating the news bulletins. Records are made by mobile recording units and special machinery allows part of speeches to be cut and edited for later reproduction.

#### VOICE OF THE PAST

A Library of records of historical interest is thus being built up, and the collection now includes voices of great personages in every sphere of public life. Additions are being made of records from the pre-broadcasting era. Thus records of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill, made before the war, have been secured, and efforts are being made to revive records of Gladstone, Salisbury and Rosebery, made on the early phonograph cylinders. It is pointed out that the value of these records to students of history will steadily increase with the passage of time.—*British Wireless*.

### SPURIOUS COIN OFFENCES

#### LOCAL LAW BEING AMENDED

The *Gazette* contains the draft of an Ordinance to amend the Coinage Offences Ordinance, 1855.

Section 3 of the Ordinance adds a new paragraph to section 13 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1855 making the deliberate importation into the Colony of counterfeit King's current copper coin punishable with seven years imprisonment.

The King's copper coin is defined in section 2 of the principal Ordinance as including any spurious coin and any coin of silver or mixed metal, and of the King's current coin is defined as including any coin whether made of gold, silver, copper, bronze or mixed metal, coined in any mint in His Majesty's dominions or any such coin lawfully current, or otherwise, in any proclamation or otherwise, in any part of His Majesty's dominions whether within this Colony or otherwise.

The new paragraph added to section 13 of the principal Ordinance follows *mutatis mutandis* the wording of section 6 which made the deliberate importation of counterfeit King's current gold or silver coin punishable with imprisonment for life.

The absence hitherto of any provision relating to the King's copper coin corresponding to section 6 of the principal Ordinance (which was part of section 7 of the Coinage Offences Act, 1851) was probably due to the fact that the importation of spurious coins or pieces was unlikely.

Now, however, since ten cent and five cent pieces made of cupro-nickel have been authorised by Proclamation No. 4 of the Hongkong Government Gazette Extraordinary of the 26th November, 1935, it has been found that the new coins are being counterfeited and imported and it is necessary to deal with that situation.

### ONE-LEGGED MAN'S BRAVERY

#### RECOGNISED BY HERO FUND

London, Dec. 27. A case of remarkable courage, despite physical incapacity, has been recognised by the trustees of the Carnegie Hero Fund in an award to Alfred Brennan, of Thurso, a one-legged man, who last September rescued a woman-bather to whom a lifebelt had been thrown, but who was drifting out to sea. Brennan went through the surf on his crutches, which he then discarded, swam out and towed the helpless bather back to shore.—*British Wireless*.

### APPEAL TO GODDESS

#### HAWAIIANS ATTEMPT TO DIVERT LAVA FLOW

Hilo, Dec. 27. Natives played ukuleles and chanted hymns to the Goddess Pele, asking her to halt the Maunaloa flow of lava, while twelve army aeroplanes prepared from above Ninian to drop 50 tons of bombs in an effort to divert the flow from Walluku River.—*United Press*.

### BRITISH REVENUE INCREASE

#### ENCOURAGING POSITION REVEALED

London, Dec. 27. Exchequer returns show that the total ordinary revenue, excluding self-balancing items, amounts to £223,675,470, compared with £204,004,177 at the corresponding date of last year. Total ordinary expenditure, exclusive of self-balancing items, is £683,701, compared with £612,985,086 at the corresponding date of 1934. There is now only one week of the third quarter of the financial year to go, and financial writers comment on the encouraging revenue position, as it is in the last quarter of the year that the inflow of revenue is greatest. Receipts for the week ended December 21 were swollen by an exceptionally large payment of estate duty under this head for the financial year, to date are £63,410,000, compared with £58,515,000 for the same period of the previous financial year. Among other revenue items, income tax has yielded £18,000, or over four million pounds more than for the same period of last year, and customs and excise £227,355,000, or an increase of nearly nine million pounds compared with last year.—*British Wireless*.

### POOR PEOPLE ENTERTAINED

#### S. P. C. CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party to the children and mothers who attend the Kowloon Centre of the Society for the Protection of Children was held on Boxing Day at the Majestic Theatre, which was lent by the owners. This year, the lady inspectors, Mrs. Perry and Miss Tamm, were joined by Mrs. Booker and Miss Himmworth.

The guests consisted of some 220 mothers with babies in arms and 220 older children. Each family was given a large bowl of meat and rice, as well as a basket filled with good things. A large part of the presents was given by local firms. Father Christmas distributed two packets of sweets to each family, while some thirty families who were prevented from coming to the theatre received similar gifts.

Several members of the Executive Committee of the S.P.C. were present, including Mr. G. P. de Martin, Chairman, and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, last year's Chairman, as well as many other friends.

The proceedings opened with a speech by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, followed by a nursery song by children who have been supplied with milk by the Society. There was then a film show by courtesy of the Majestic Theatre management, and during the interval which followed refreshments were served.

Students of Chung Wah Boys' School later presented a Chinese play, after which Mrs. Losby presented prizes, this being followed by distribution of presents by Mrs. Losby, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Booker and Miss Himmworth.

The Society wishes to thank the Management of the Majestic Theatre for loan of the theatre, Messrs. Lok Yuen and Chung Fat & Co., for Lok Yuen and Chung Fat & Co., for the loan of the Chung Wah Boys' School for stage display and the following for donations:—Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. de Martin, Mrs. Losby, Mrs. Tregillus, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lam, Mr. B. E. Maughan, Mr. F. H. Kwok, St. Andrew's Church, Sunday School, Central Trading Co., Mr. & Mrs. L. Kong, Mr. Wong Kai-po, Dr. Matthews, Mr. Wong Pun-po, Mr. J. C. MacLaren, Mr. Peter Simple, Mr. King, the German community, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Kong, Mrs. Tam, Mr. Matthews, Mr. E. Himmworth and the Wolf Cubs of H.K. & Kowloon. Thanks are also expressed to Mrs. Losby, Mrs. Matthews, Miss Himmworth, Mrs. Booker and the staff of the Majestic Theatre, for assistance at the party.

### MONGOLIAN AFFAIRS

#### NANKING OFFICIALS DENY INDEPENDENCE TALK

Nanking, Dec. 27. The Mongolian Government's political agents in Nanking have officially denied rumours of an independence movement in Inner Mongolia. The rumours originated with the report that Prince Teh dismissed the troops of the Western Banner. The name sources say that the Inner Mongolian authorities have asked Nanking for the supply of arms and ammunition in view of the tension created through the recent clashes with Manchukuoans on the border.

#### Japan Suspicious

Shanghai, Dec. 27. The Japanese Foreign Office is suspicious of the visit of the Outer Mongolian Premier and other Mongolian officials to Moscow, according to Tokyo newspapers.

The fear is that the Soviets and Mongols might combine against the Chinese and Japanese fight against Communism in the Inner Mongolian area. A Foreign Office spokesman said the Moscow *Izvestia* and other Soviet papers—*United Press*.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Lawrence Howarth, of 218B Nathan Road, and Miss Lena Cochran, of 177 Fulton Street, Annandale, Glasgow, who is en route to the Colony per s.s. Stuttgart.

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